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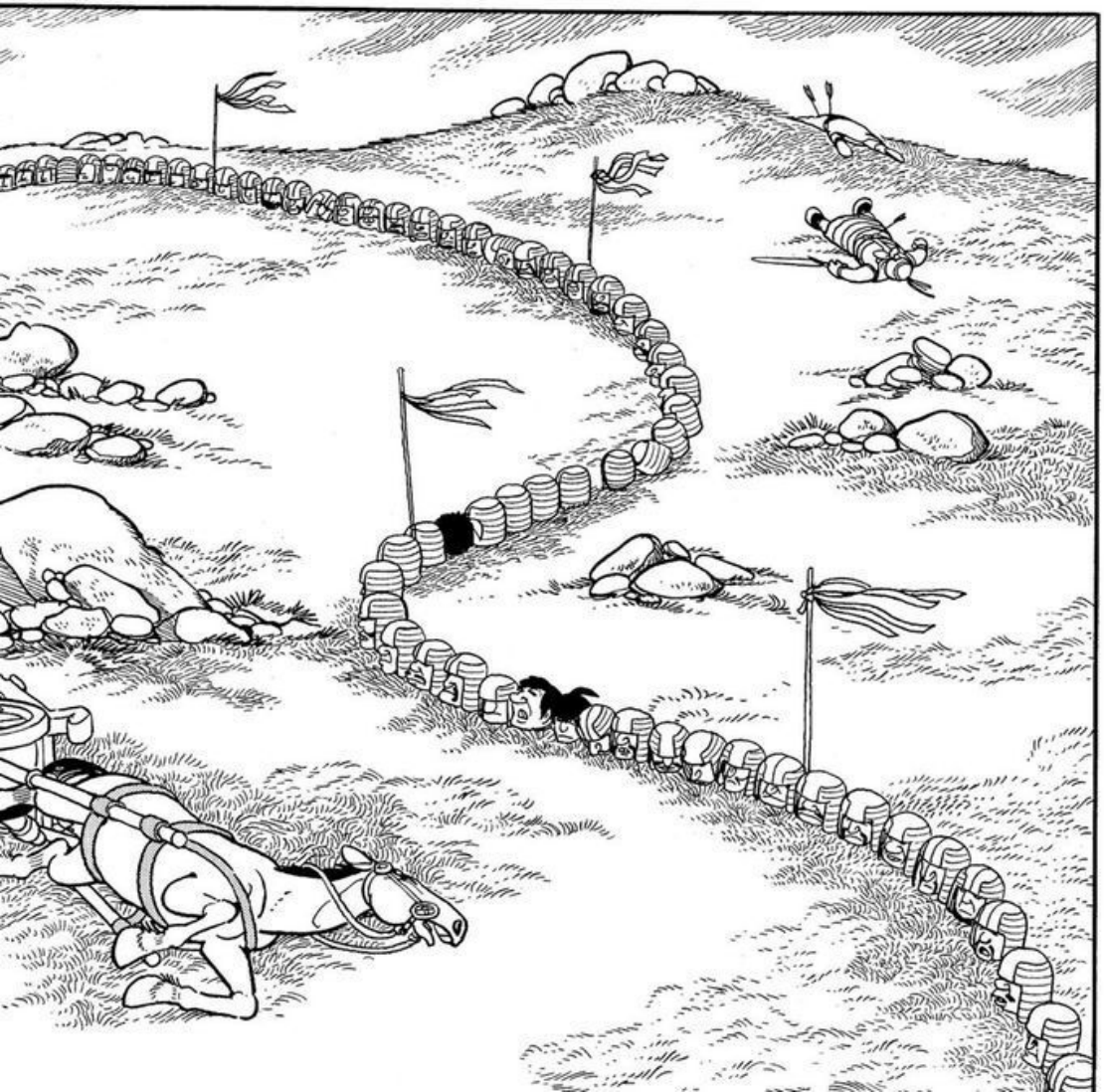
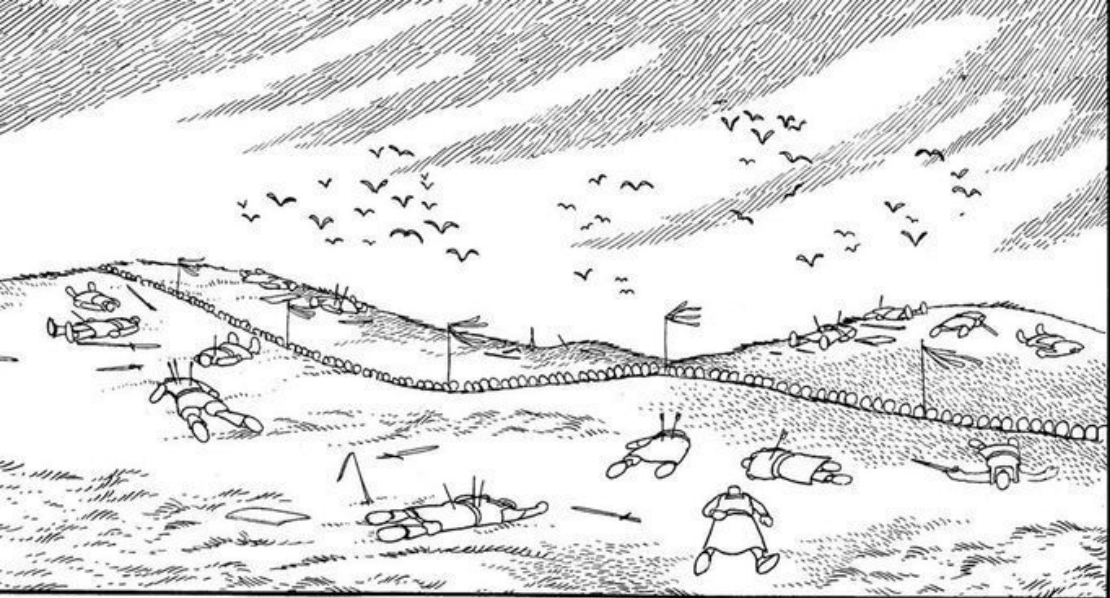
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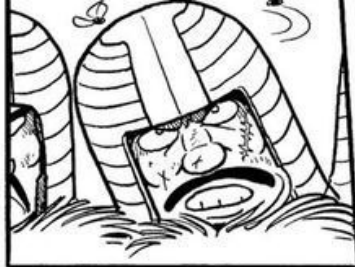


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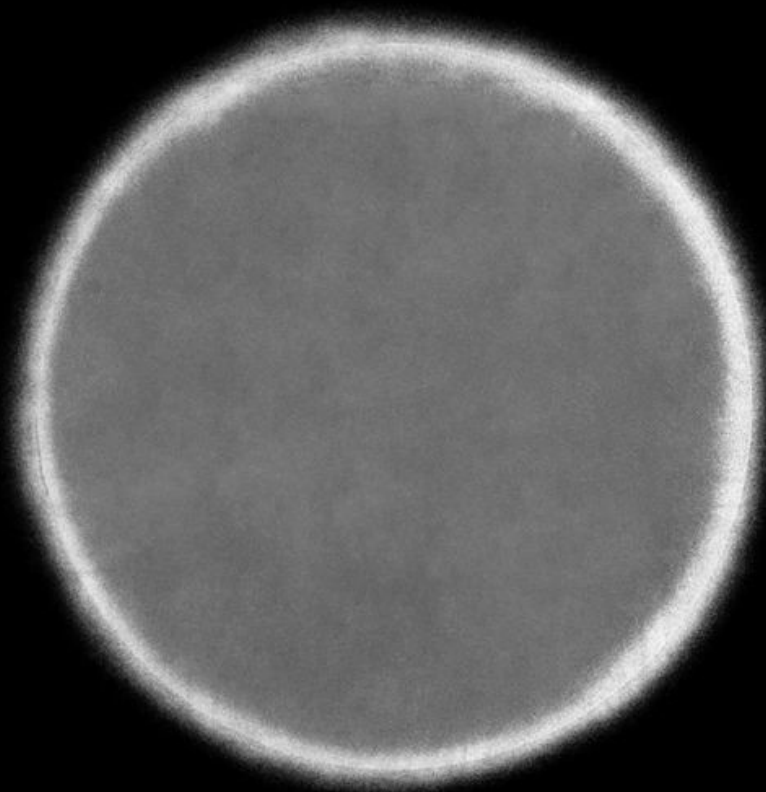


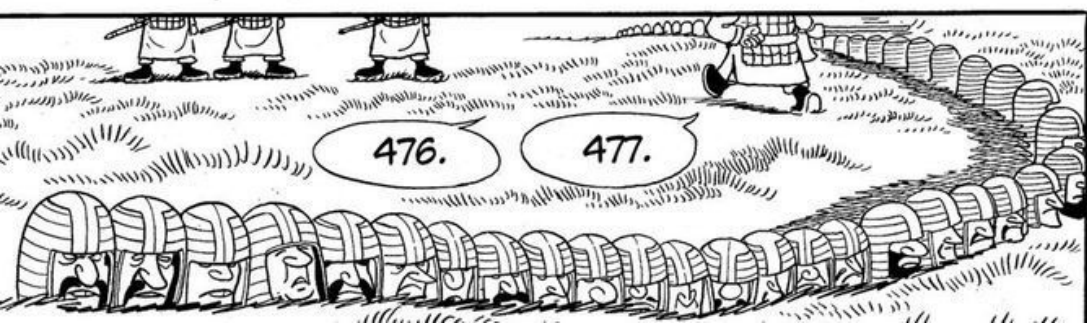
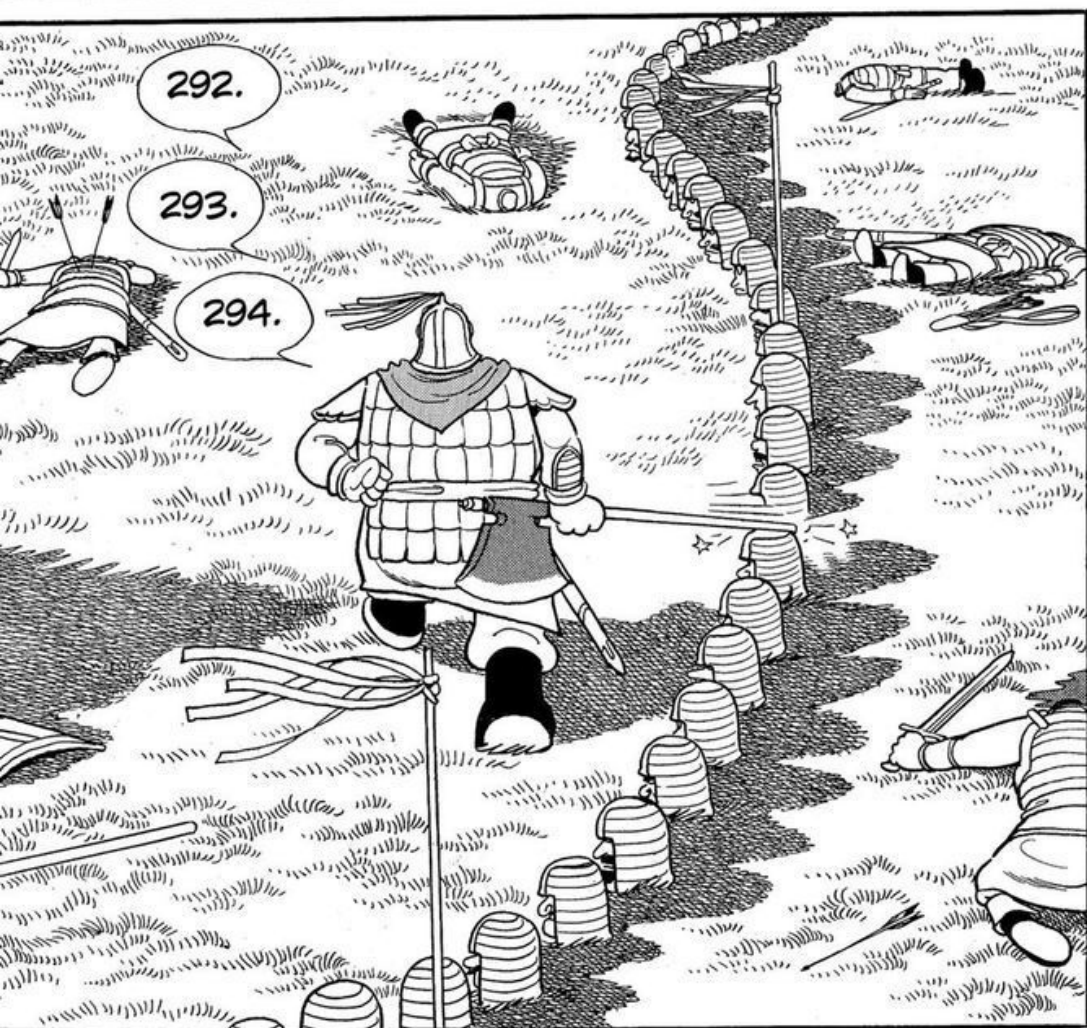
火の鳥

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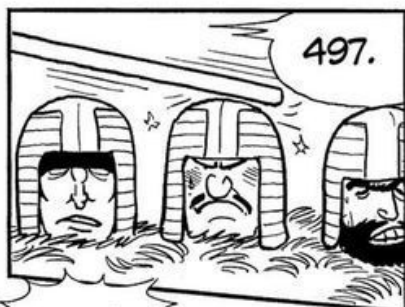
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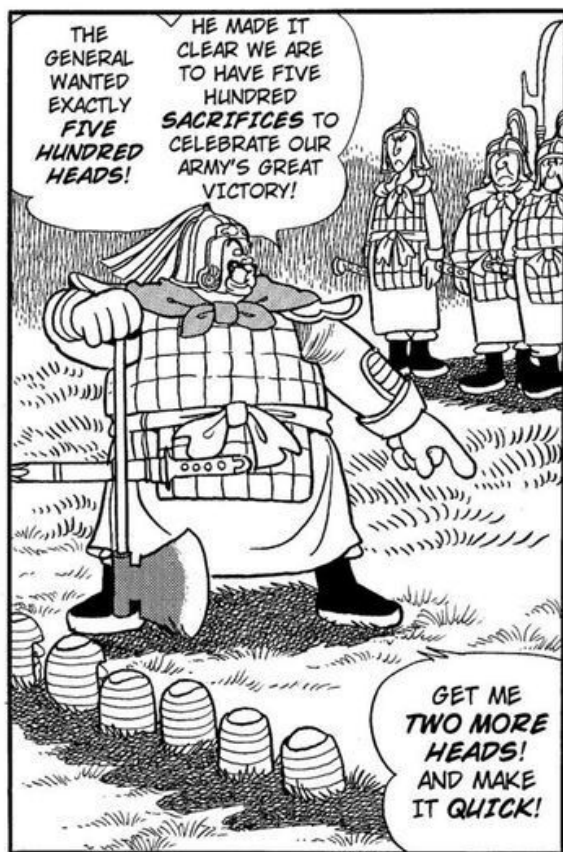
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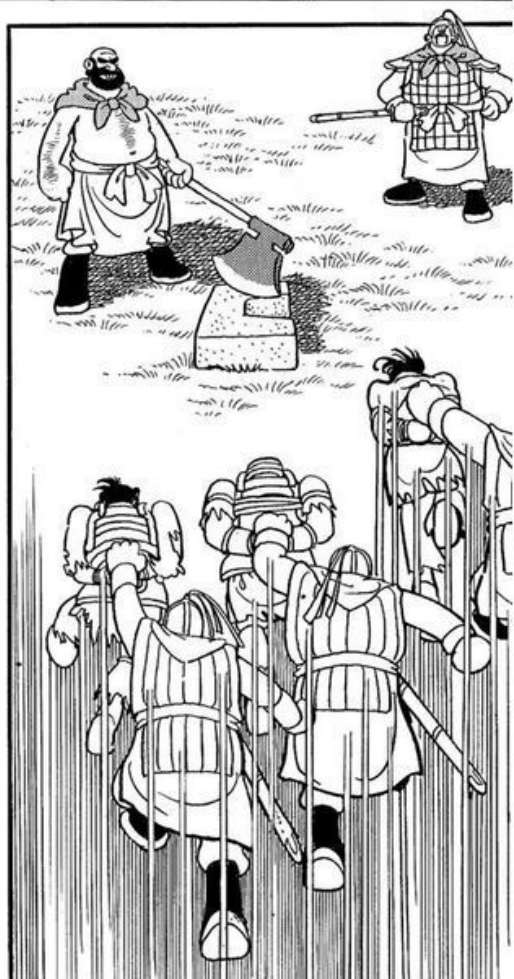
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TWO  
HEADS  
SHORT!

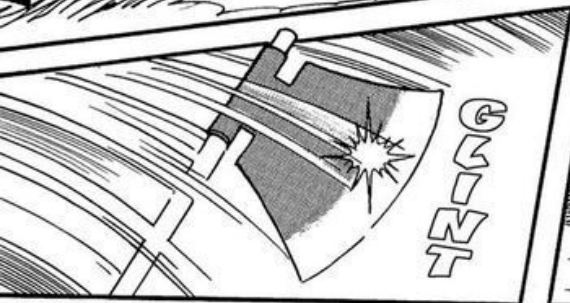
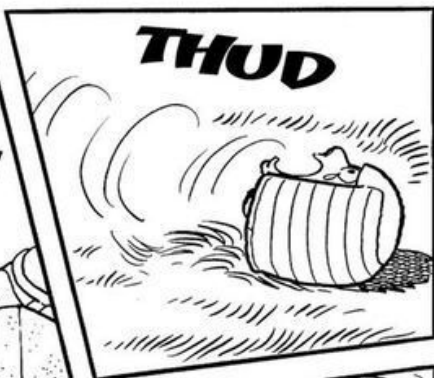


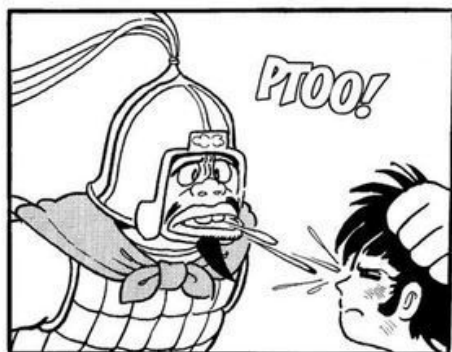
THE  
GENERAL  
WANTED  
EXACTLY  
FIVE  
HUNDRED  
HEADS!

HE MADE IT  
CLEAR WE ARE  
TO HAVE FIVE  
HUNDRED  
SACRIFICES TO  
CELEBRATE OUR  
ARMY'S GREAT  
VICTORY!

GET ME  
TWO MORE  
HEADS!  
AND MAKE  
IT QUICK!



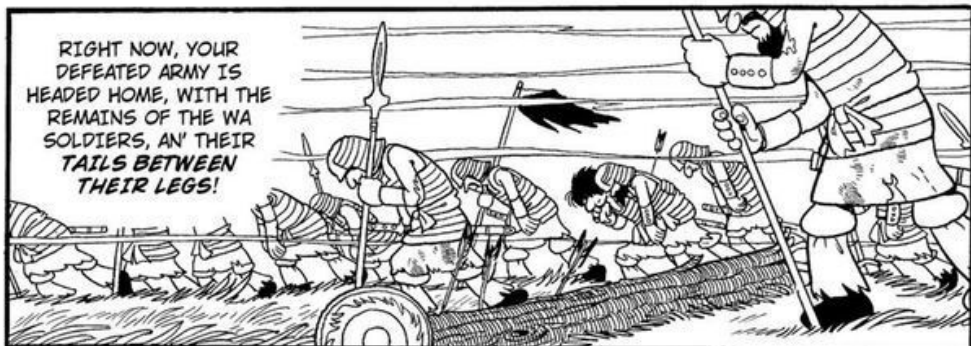










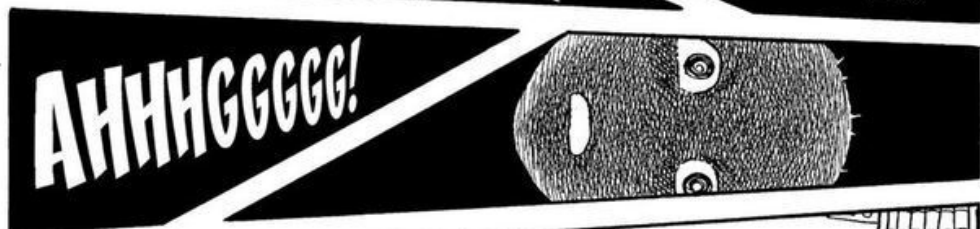
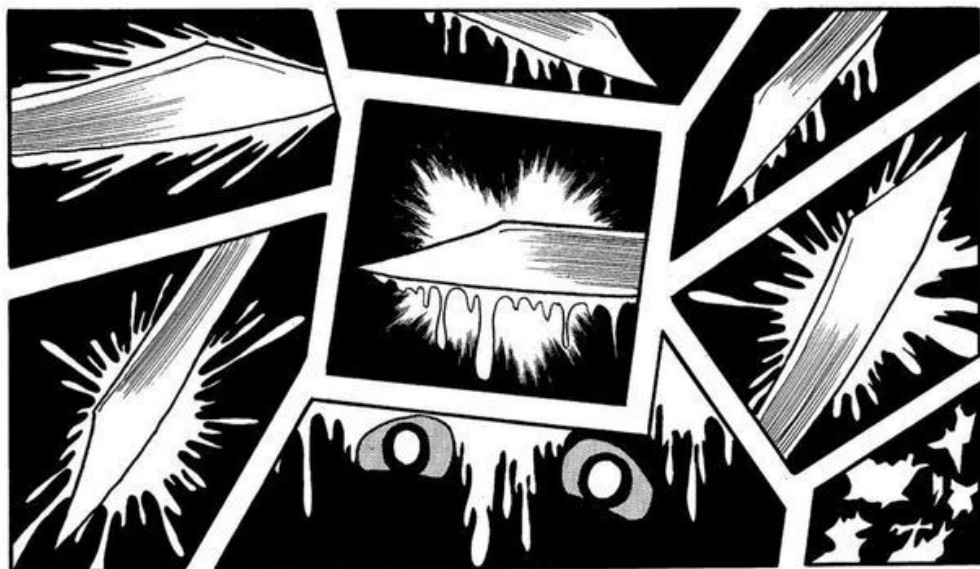


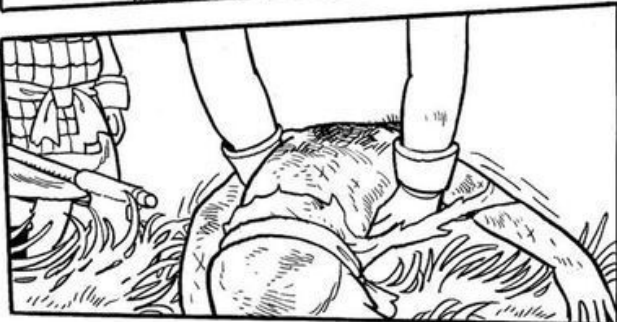
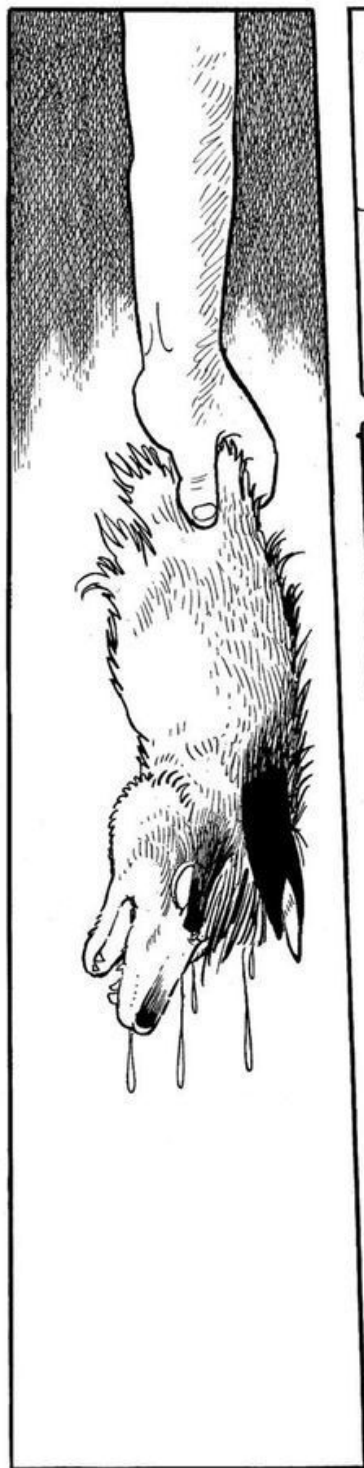
BAEKGANG IS KNOWN AS HAKUSUKINOE IN JAPANESE. TSUNUSASHI IS A JAPANESE READING OF A KOREAN PLACENAME, THE ORIGINAL READING OF WHICH IS APPARENTLY UNCLEAR. WA AND YAMATO ARE BOTH ANCIENT NAMES FOR JAPAN.





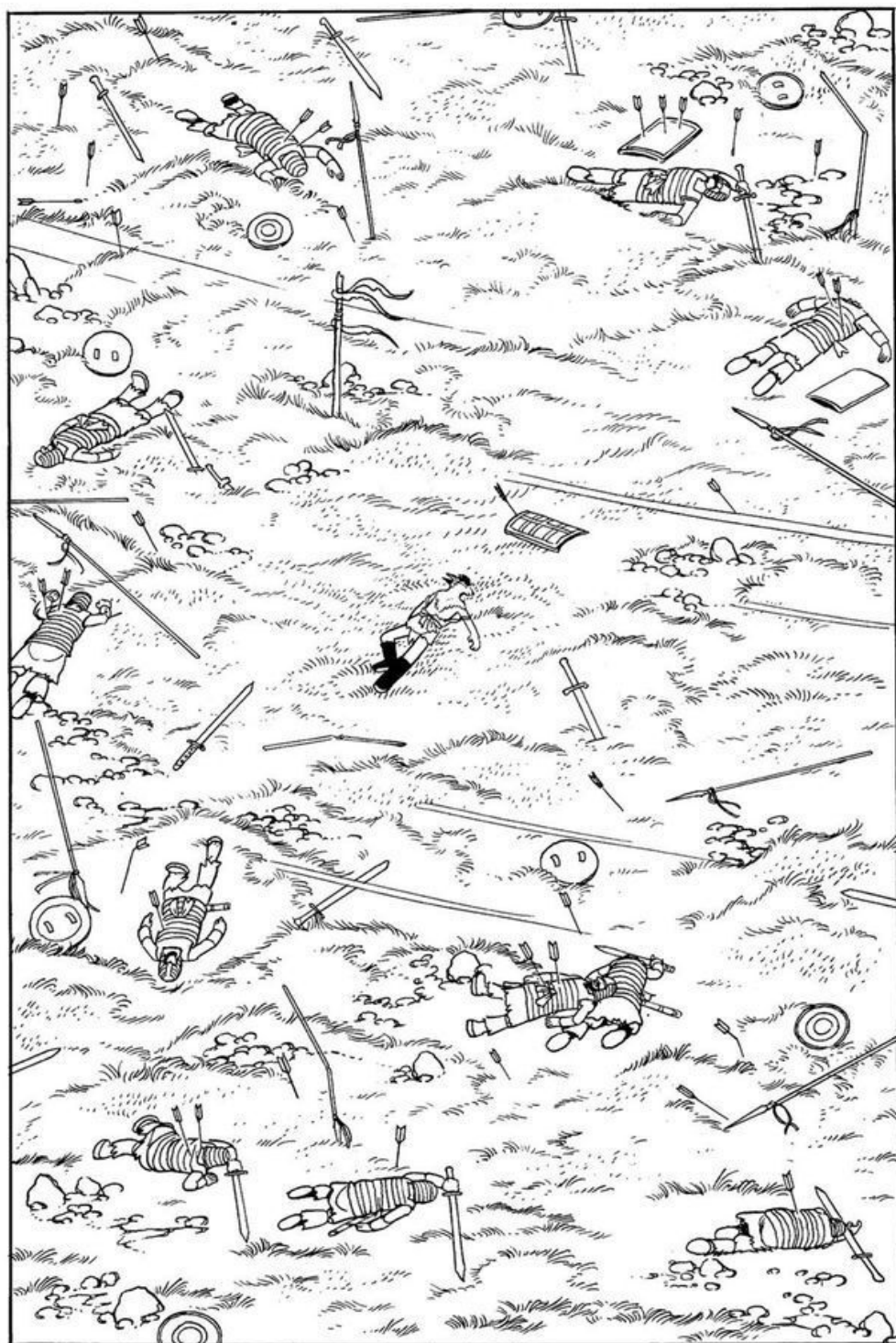


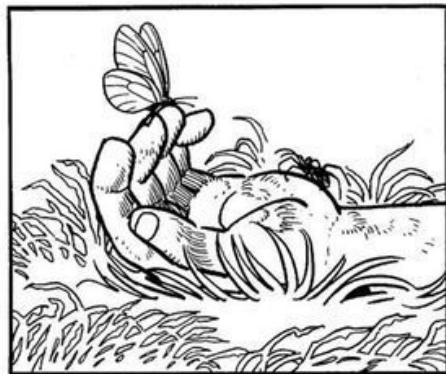
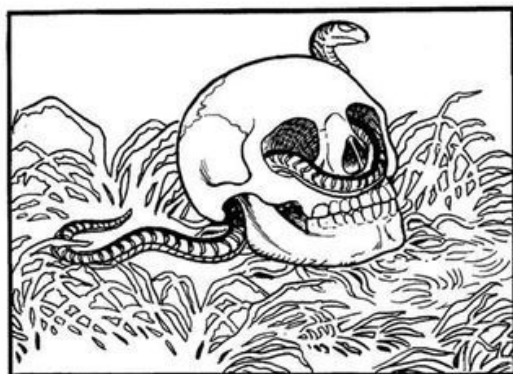
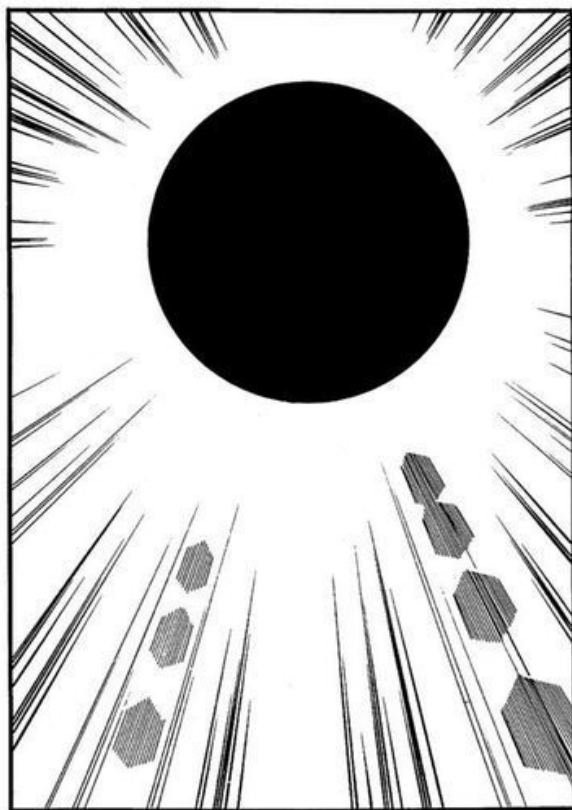




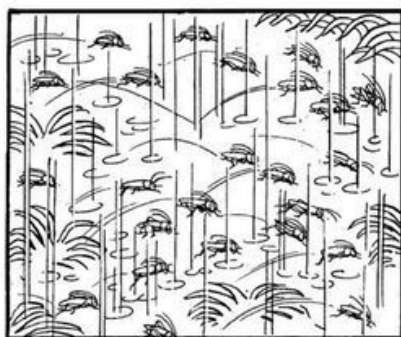
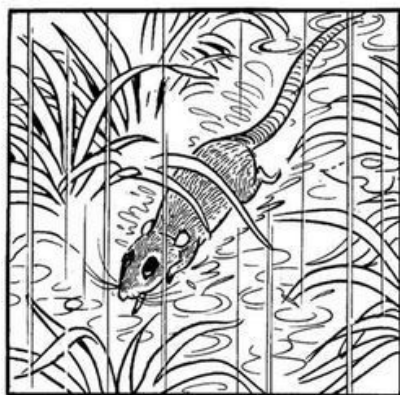


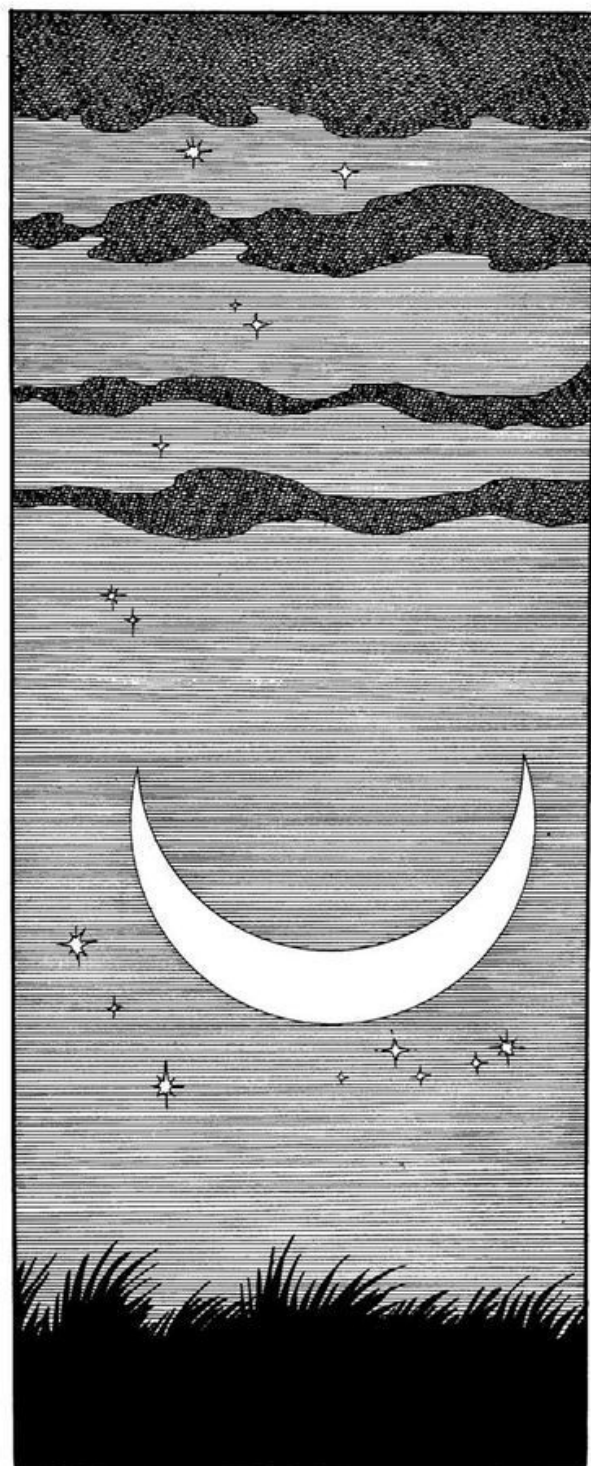








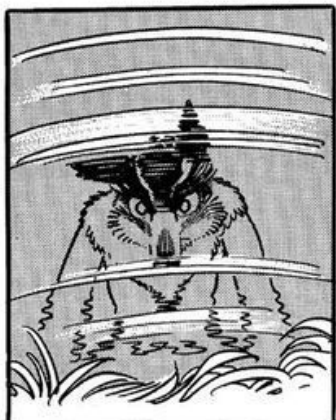
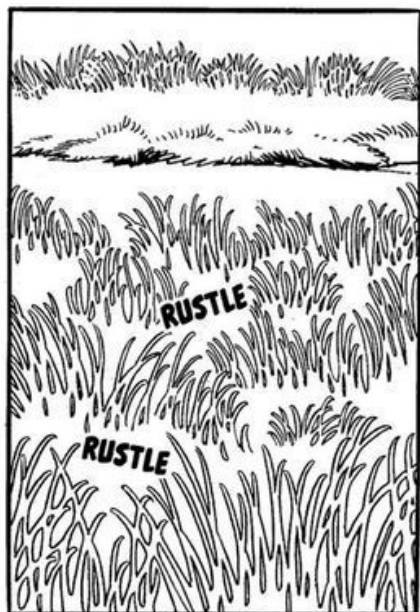








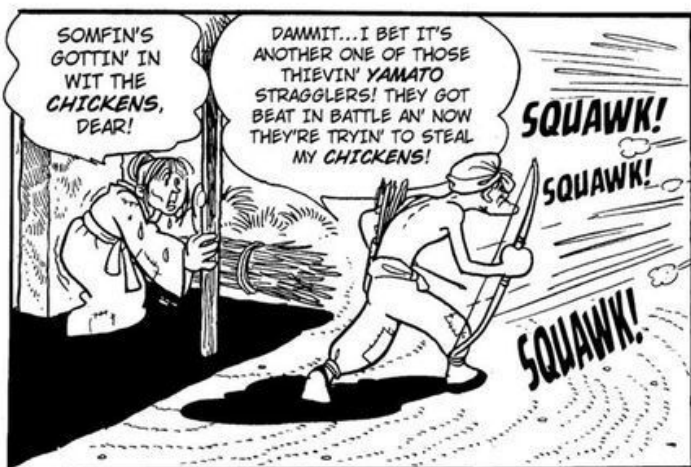


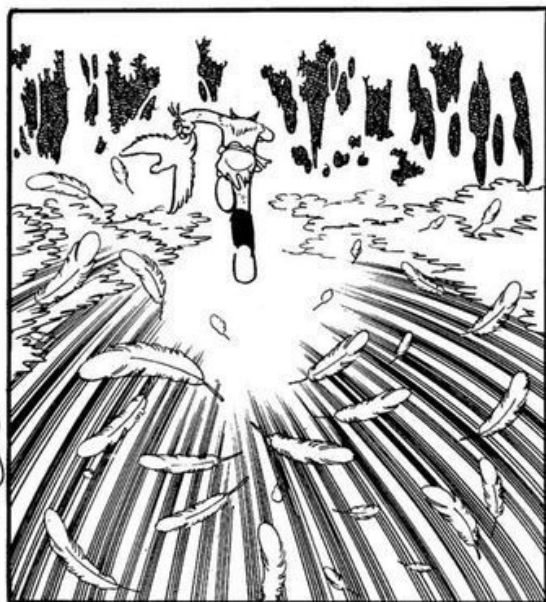
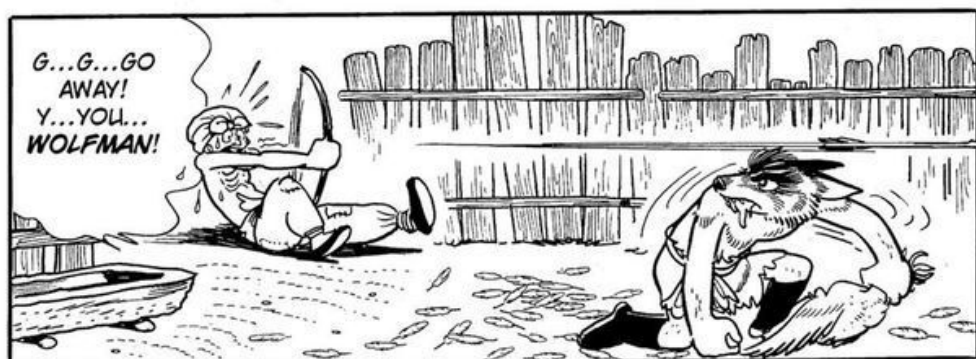




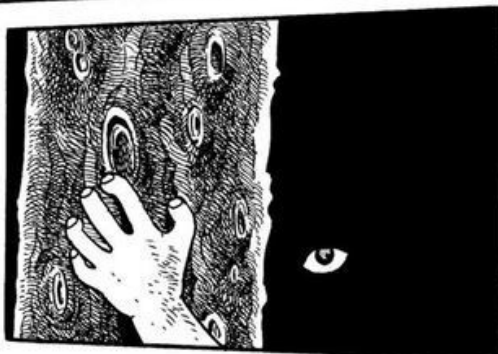




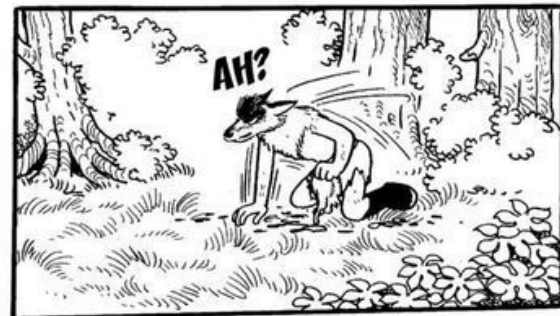
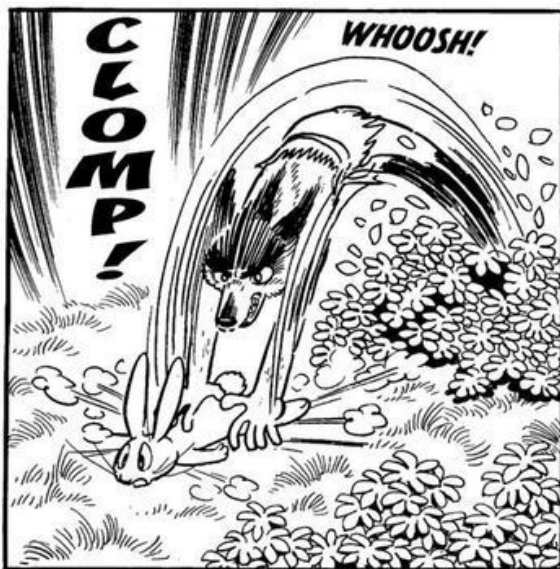
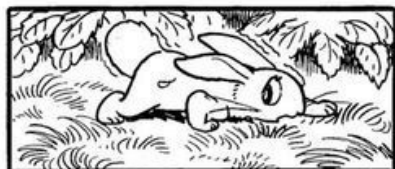


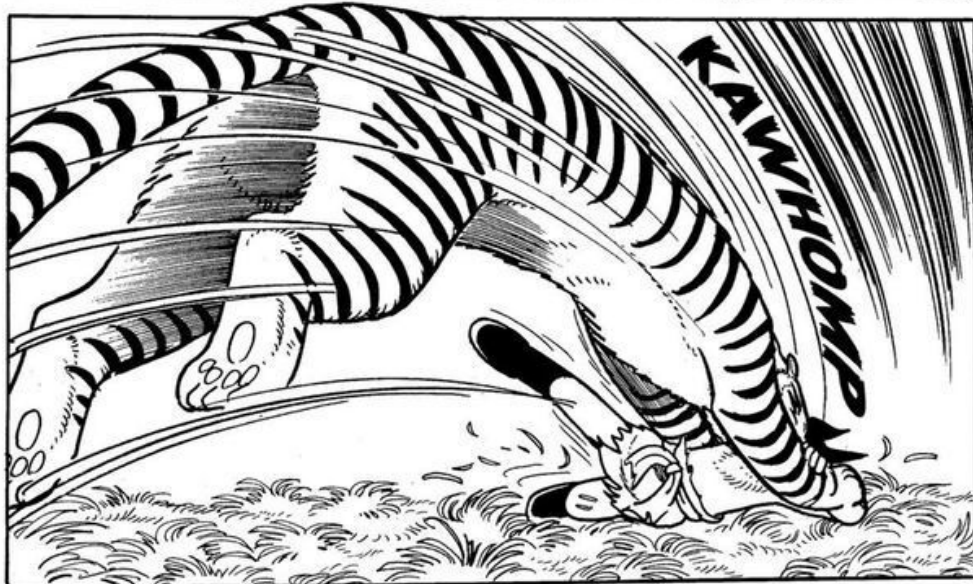




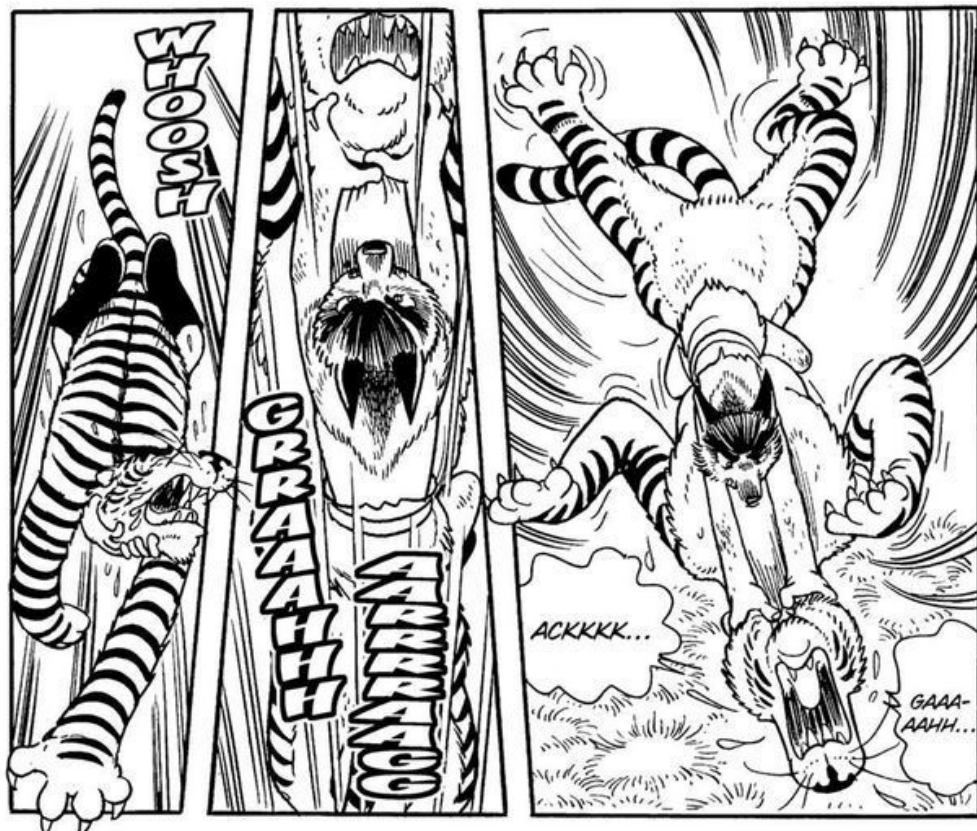












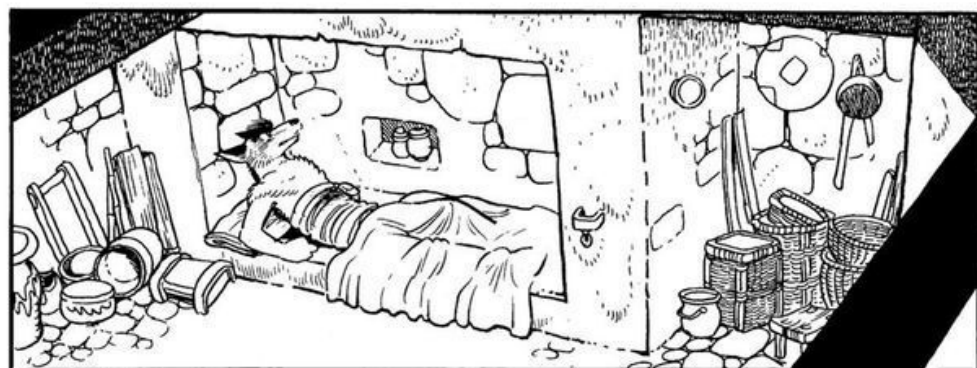


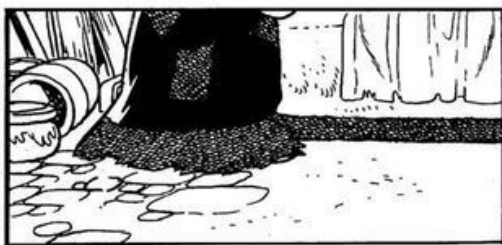
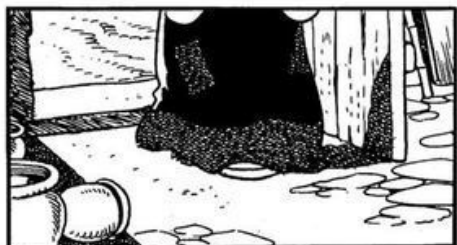




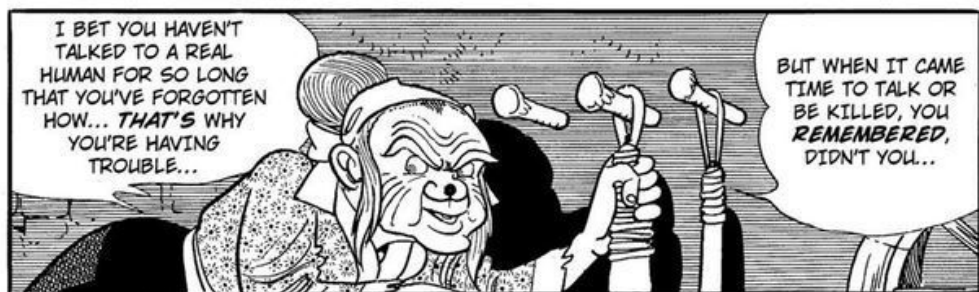














HHHHHH...



I SEEM  
TO  
RECALL A  
DREAM...

BUT I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHERE I  
WAS...



I  
REMEMBER  
BEING IN A  
STRANGE  
TOWN...



BUT I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT WAS GOING  
ON... WAS IT  
REALLY A DREAM?  
OR DID I STEP  
OVER INTO  
ANOTHER WORLD,  
PERHAPS INTO THE  
LAND OF THE DEAD?

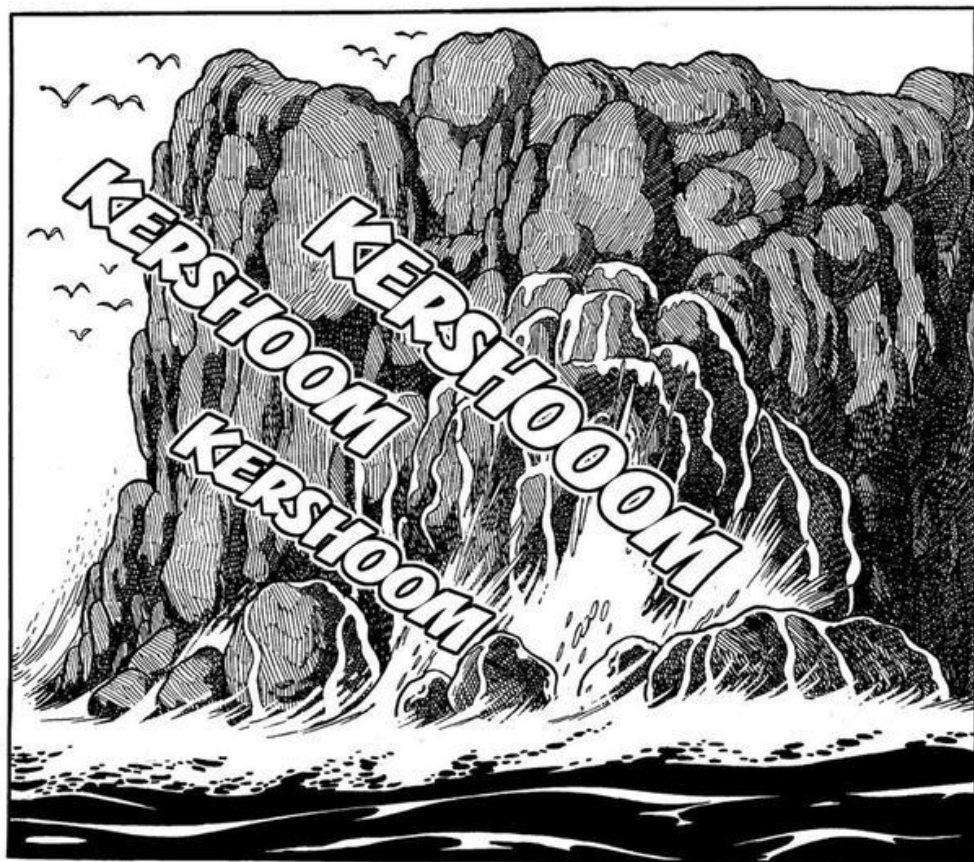


COULD IT BE  
THAT THE  
SAME WORLD  
LIES OUT  
THERE,  
BEYOND THIS  
WINDOW?



NOPE.  
NOTHING'S  
CHANGED.











YEEOOOOW!!  
OWWW!  
THAT HURTS!!!

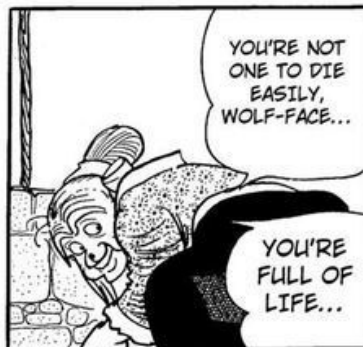
THOSE SLASHES  
FROM THE TIGER'S CLAWS  
HAVE BECOME INFECTED,  
AN' AS A RESULT THE  
POISONS TRAVELING  
THROUGH YOUR WHOLE  
BODY... IF WE CAN CURE  
YOU WITH THIS ALONE,  
YOU OUGHTA CONSIDER  
YOURSELF LUCKY!

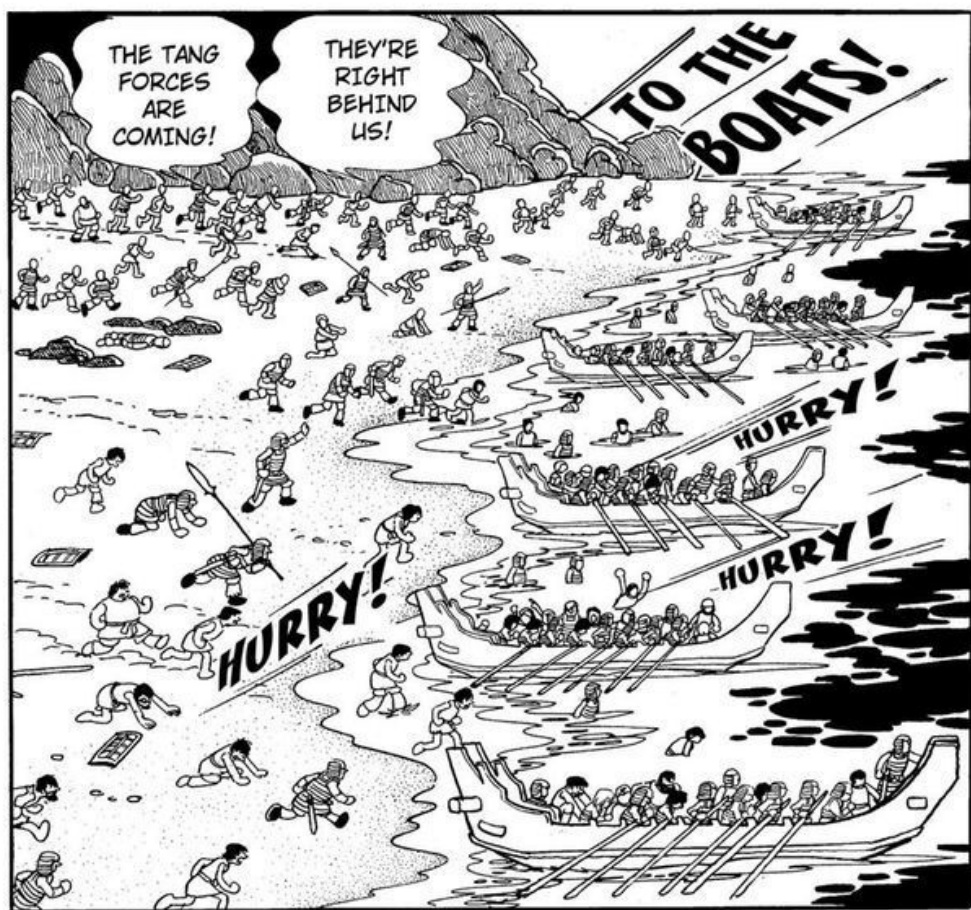
SLAP  
SLOP  
SPLOT

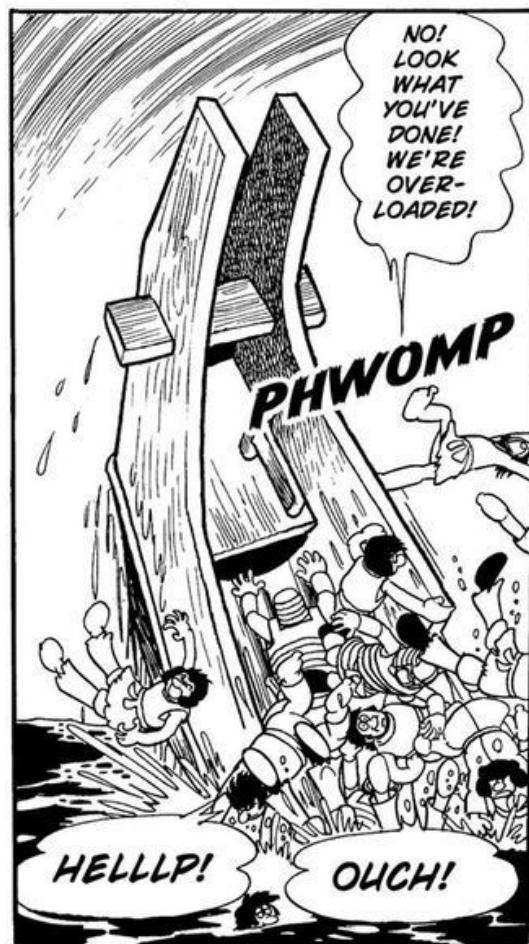
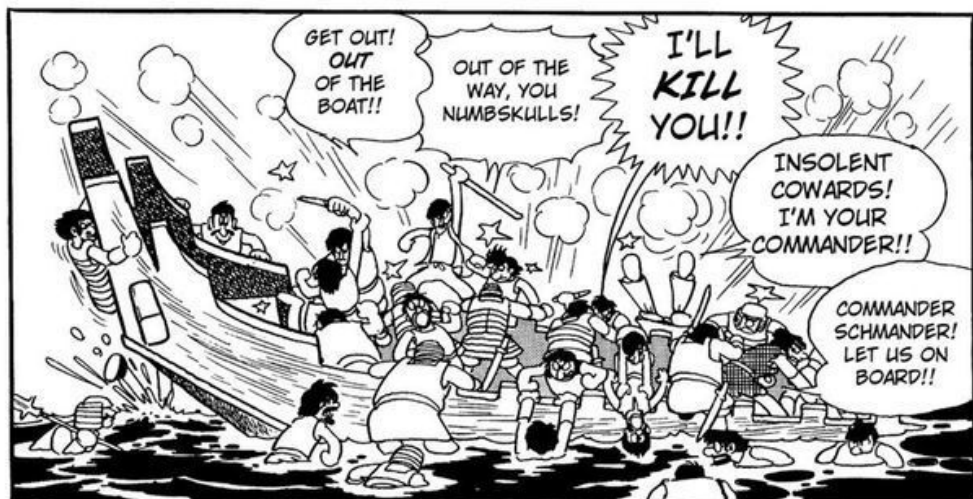




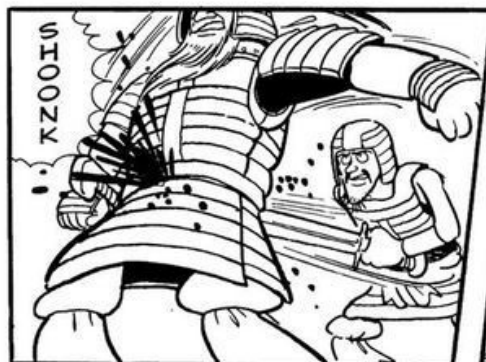




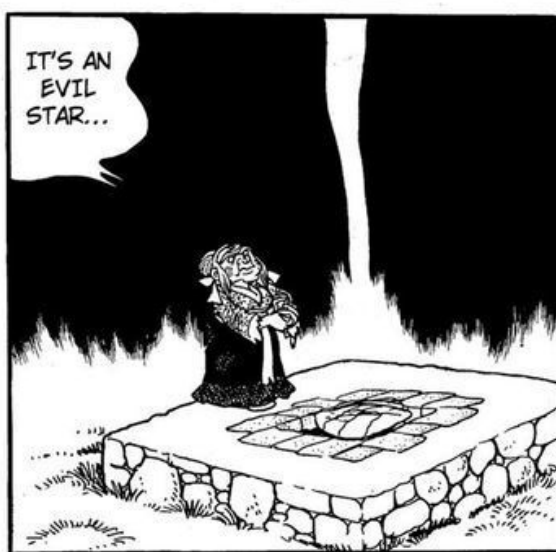
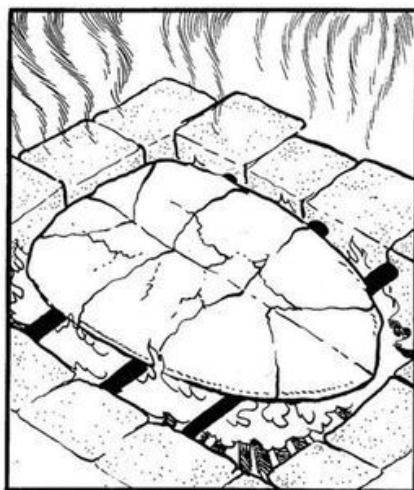
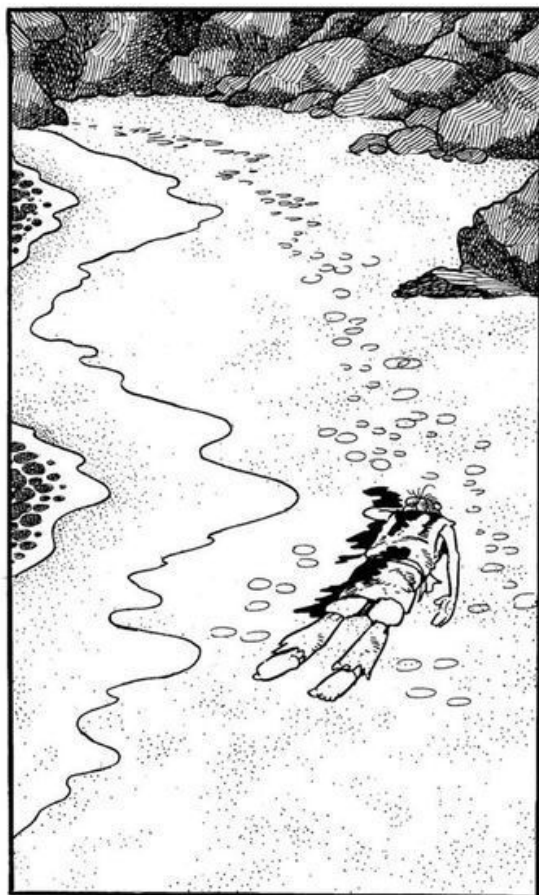














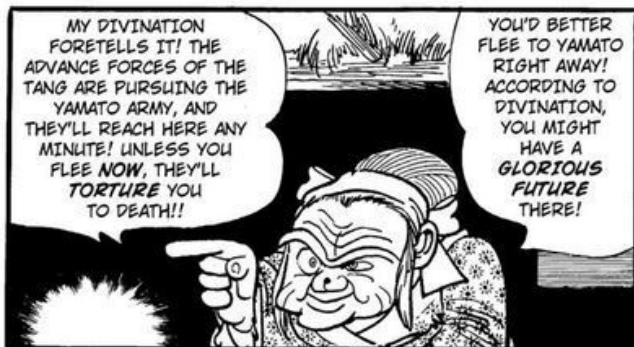


**TOMORROW  
?!!  
BY WHO?!!**

**IS THE  
ENEMY  
COMING  
?!**

MY DIVINATION  
FORETELLS IT! THE  
ADVANCE FORCES OF THE  
TANG ARE PURSUING THE  
YAMATO ARMY, AND  
THEY'LL REACH HERE ANY  
MINUTE! UNLESS YOU  
FLEE NOW, THEY'LL  
TORTURE YOU  
TO DEATH!!

YOU'D BETTER  
FLEE TO YAMATO  
RIGHT AWAY!  
ACCORDING TO  
DIVINATION,  
YOU MIGHT  
HAVE A  
GLORIOUS  
FUTURE  
THERE!



B...BUT I DON'T  
WANT TO GO TO  
ANY PLACE LIKE  
YAMATO...

LOOK AT THAT  
RED STAR,  
KUCHI'INU!  
THAT  
REPRESENTS  
BAEKJE!  
IT'S LIGHT  
IS SO WEAK  
AND FAINT...

...BECAUSE  
THE  
KINGDOM  
ITSELF IS  
ALREADY  
DEAD!



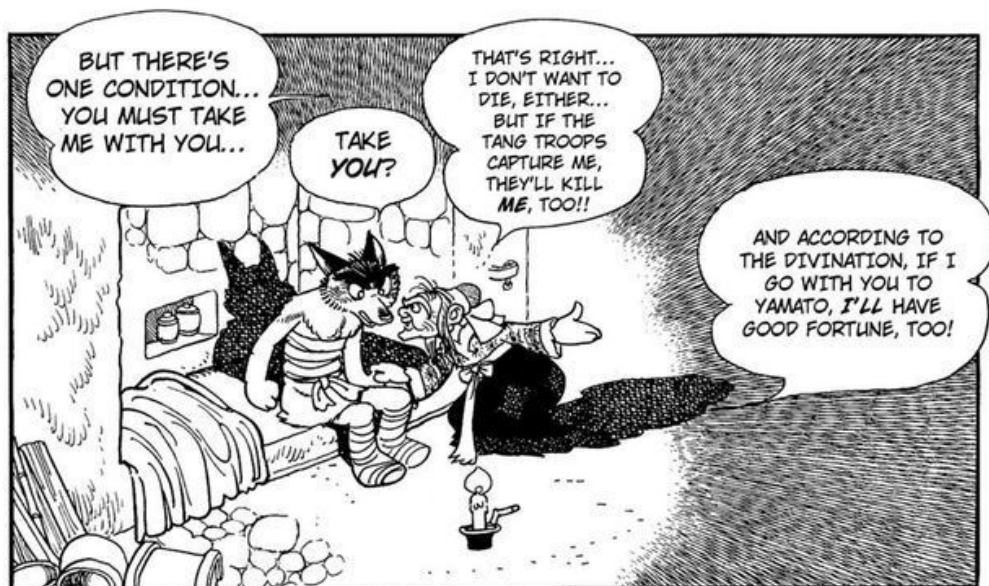
YOU'RE OF NOBLE  
BIRTH, RIGHT? I  
CAN TELL BY THE  
WAY YOU ACT...  
WELL, BAEKJE'S  
FINISHED...



YOU CAN'T  
GO AGAINST  
YOUR FATE,  
KUCHI'INU...  
IT'S ALREADY  
BEEN  
DETERMINED...

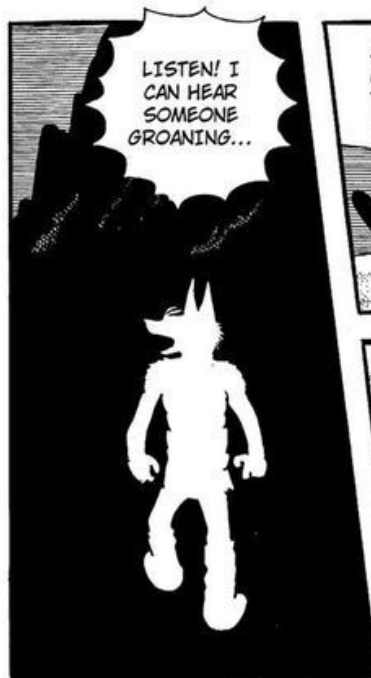


YOU MUST  
LEAVE NOW,  
AND GO TO  
YAMATO...  
THERE'S  
EVEN A  
BOAT READY  
FOR YOU...



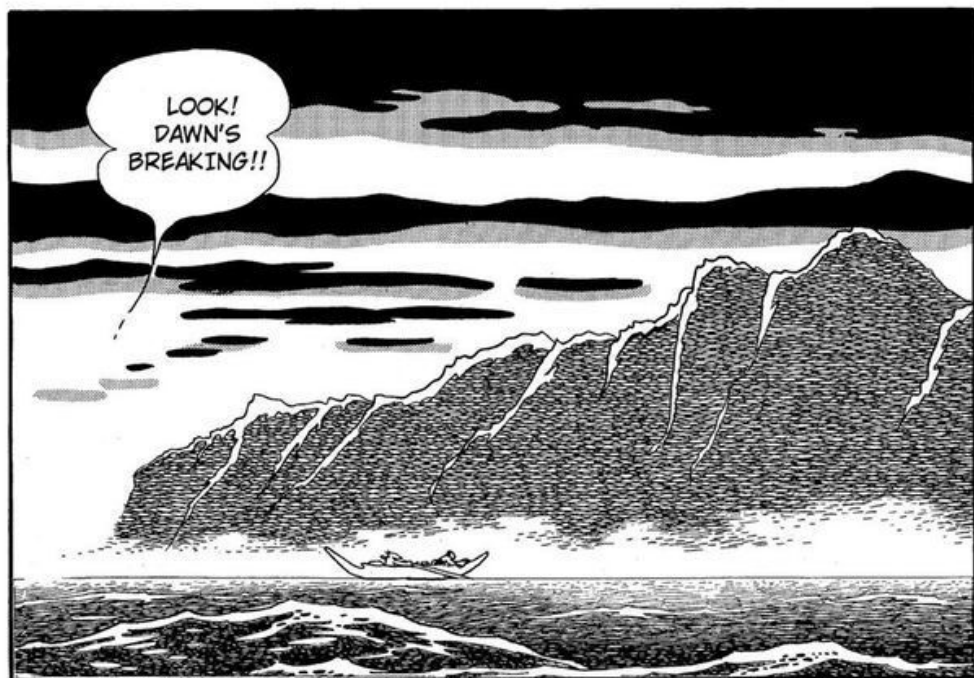


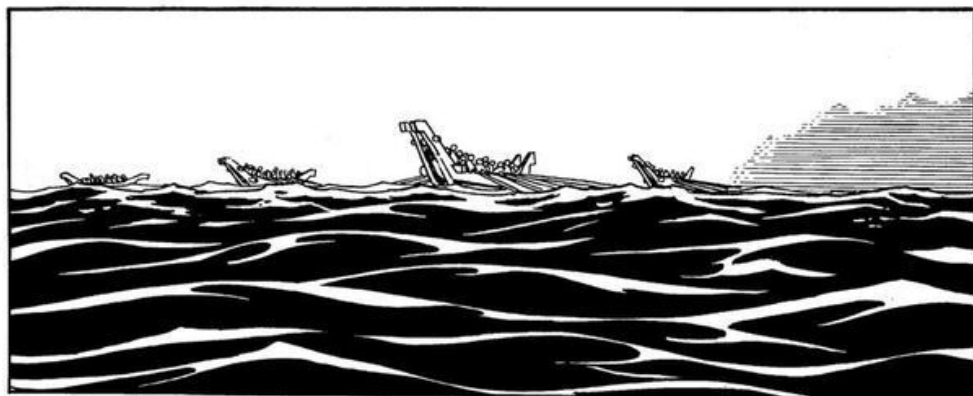




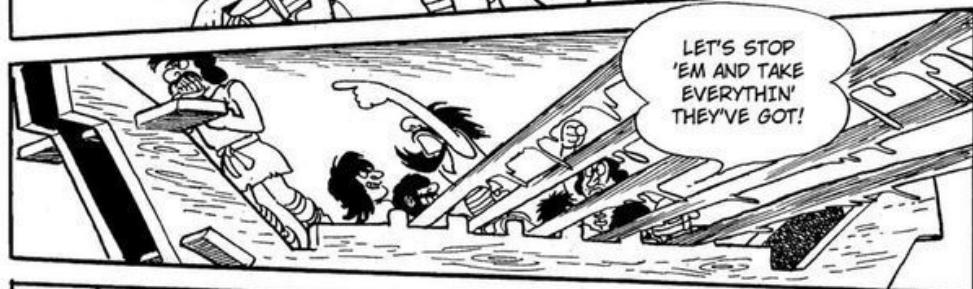












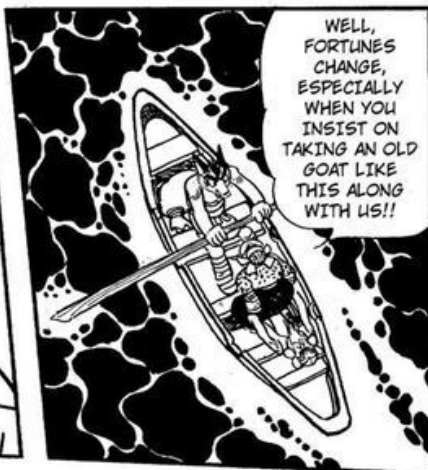
THEY'LL CATCH US IF  
YOU DON'T ROW  
FASTER... AN' IF THEY  
CATCH US THEY'LL  
ROB US AND THROW  
US INTO THE SEA  
TO DROWN!



WHAT DO YOU  
MEAN BY THAT?  
DIDN'T YOUR  
DIVINATION SAY  
THAT IF WE LEFT  
FOR YAMATO  
RIGHT AWAY, WE'D  
HAVE GOOD  
FORTUNE?



WELL,  
FORTUNES  
CHANGE,  
ESPECIALLY  
WHEN YOU  
INSIST ON  
TAKING AN OLD  
GOAT LIKE  
THIS ALONG  
WITH US!!



LISTEN!  
KEEP THE  
WATER...

...BUT THROW  
OUT ALL THE  
REST OF THE  
FOOD YOU  
BROUGHT.  
MAYBE THAT'LL  
SAVE US.



THIS OLD  
MAN'S  
NOTHING  
BUT **BAD**  
LUCK...

...AND AS A  
RESULT NOW  
**BOTH** OF OUR  
LIVES ARE ON  
THE LINE...



WHAT?!!

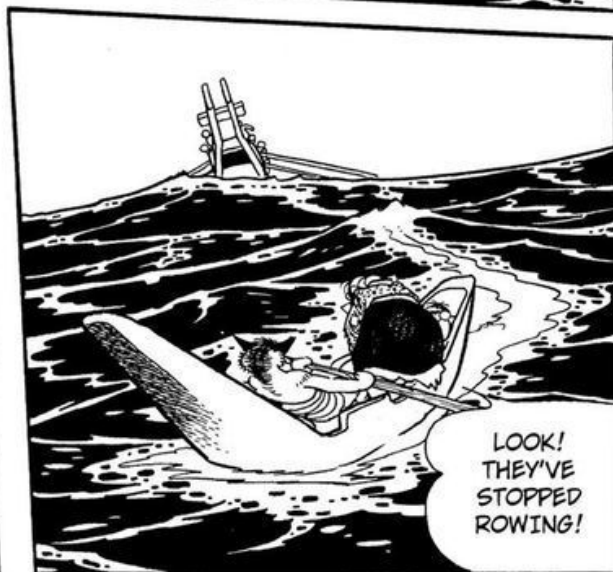
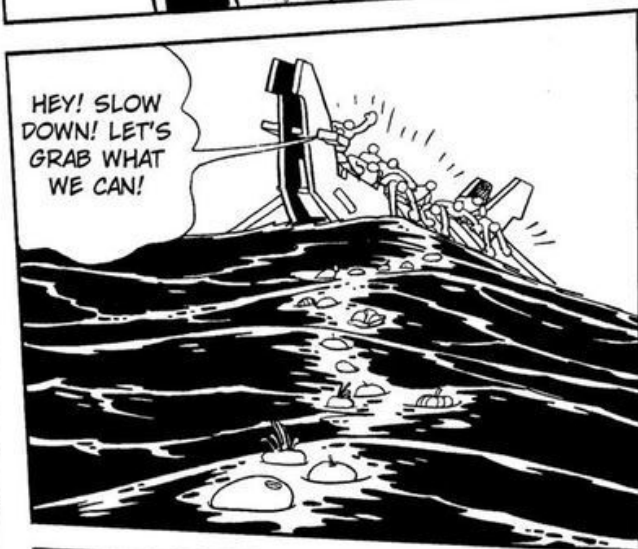
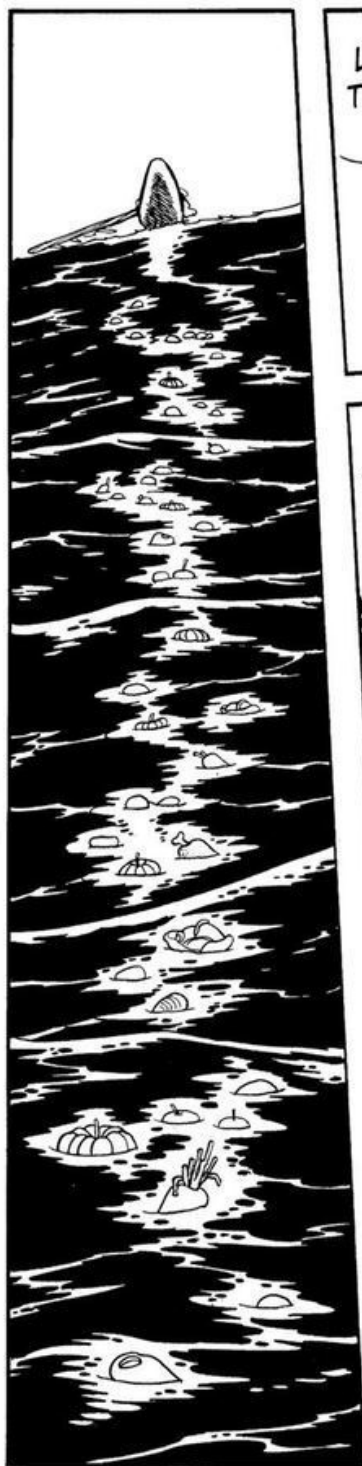
LOOK, IF WE DON'T  
HAVE ANY FOOD,  
THERE'S NO  
**REASON** FOR THEM  
TO CHASE US!

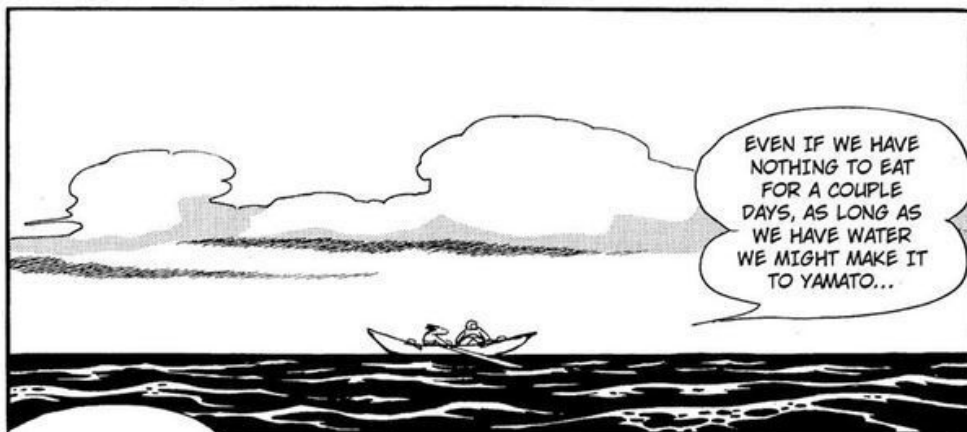
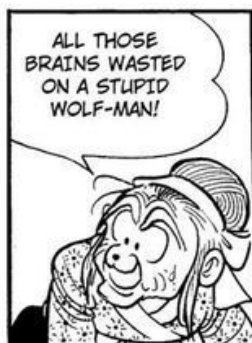
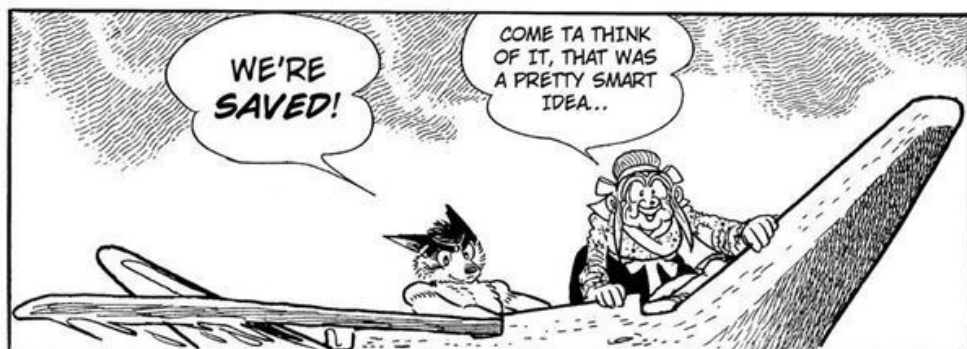
SO  
**HURRY**  
UP AND  
GET TO  
IT, OLD  
WOMAN!

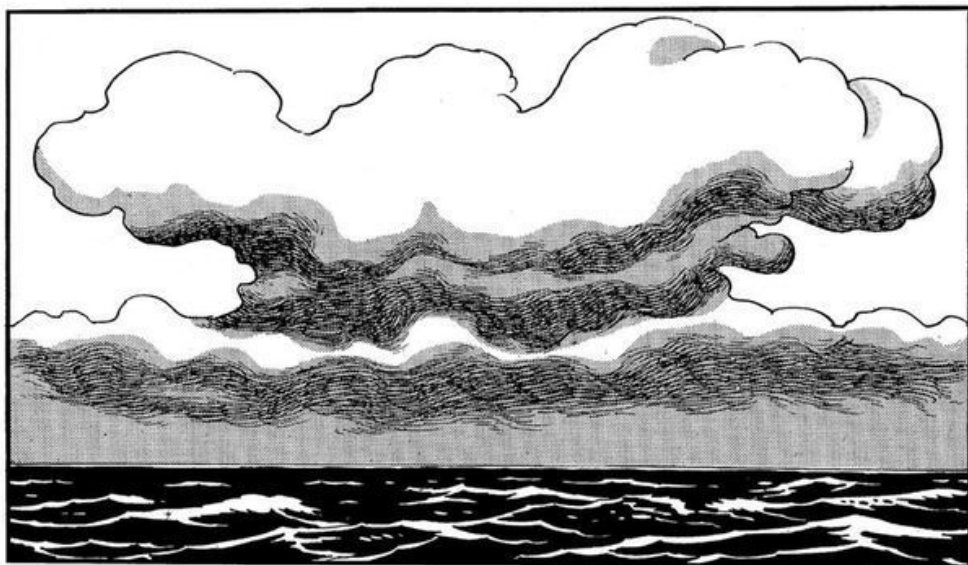


I CAN'T BELIEVE  
I'M DOING  
THIS...WHAT  
A WASTE!

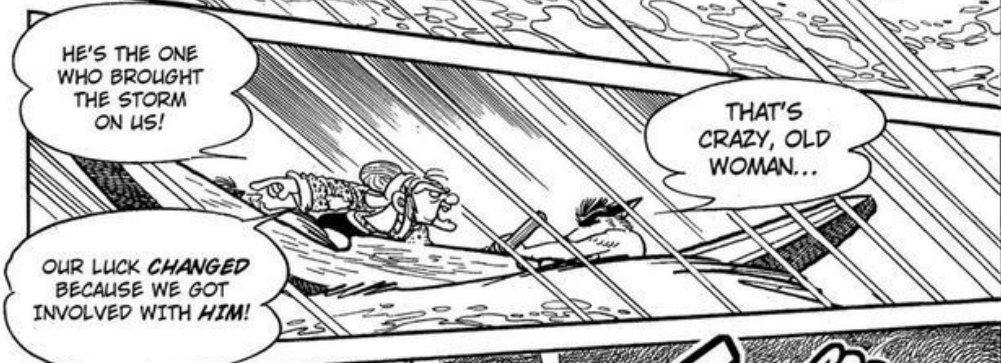
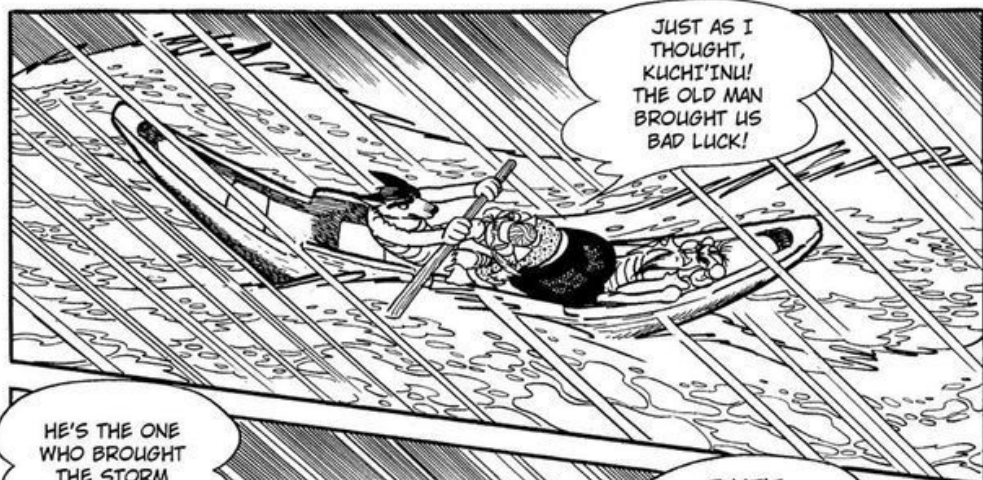


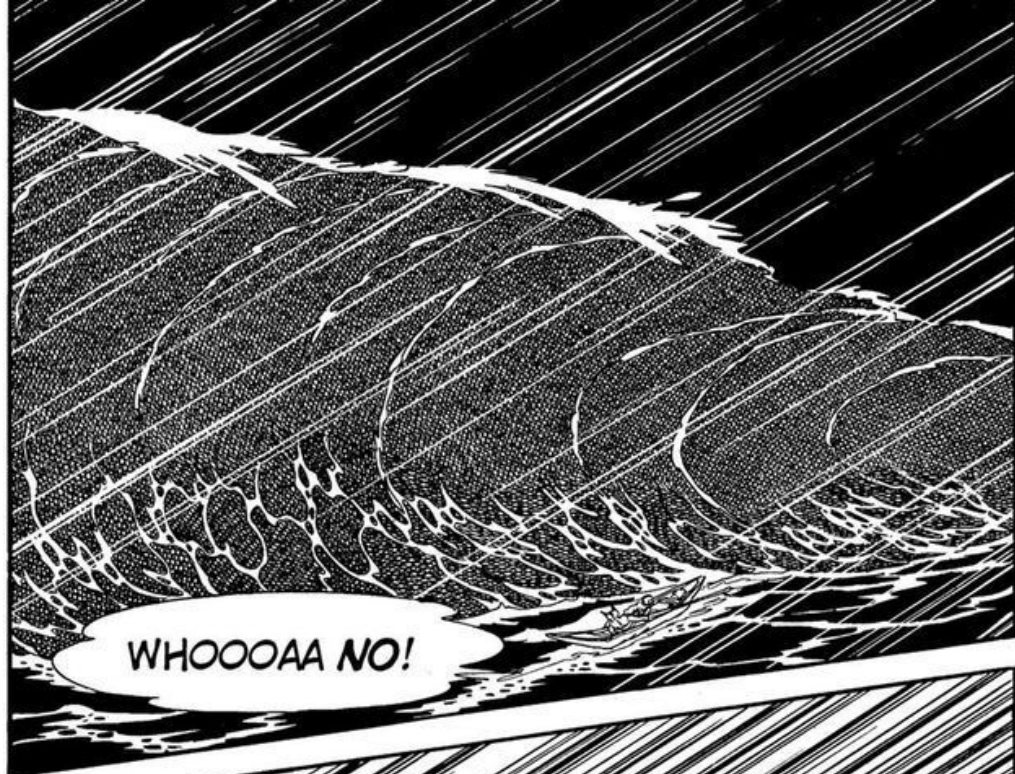


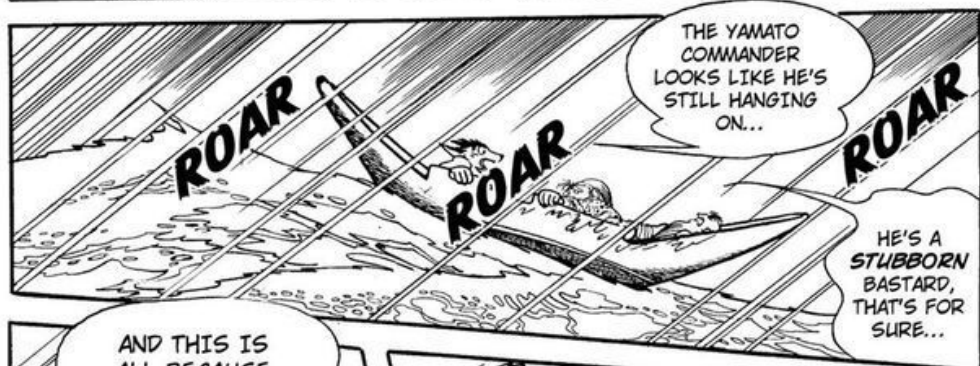
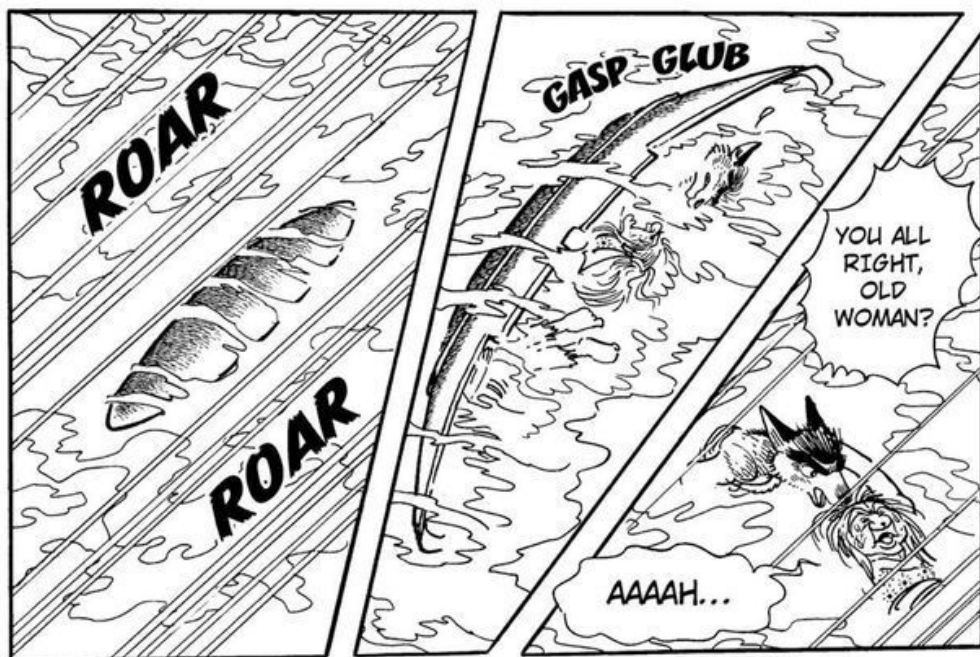


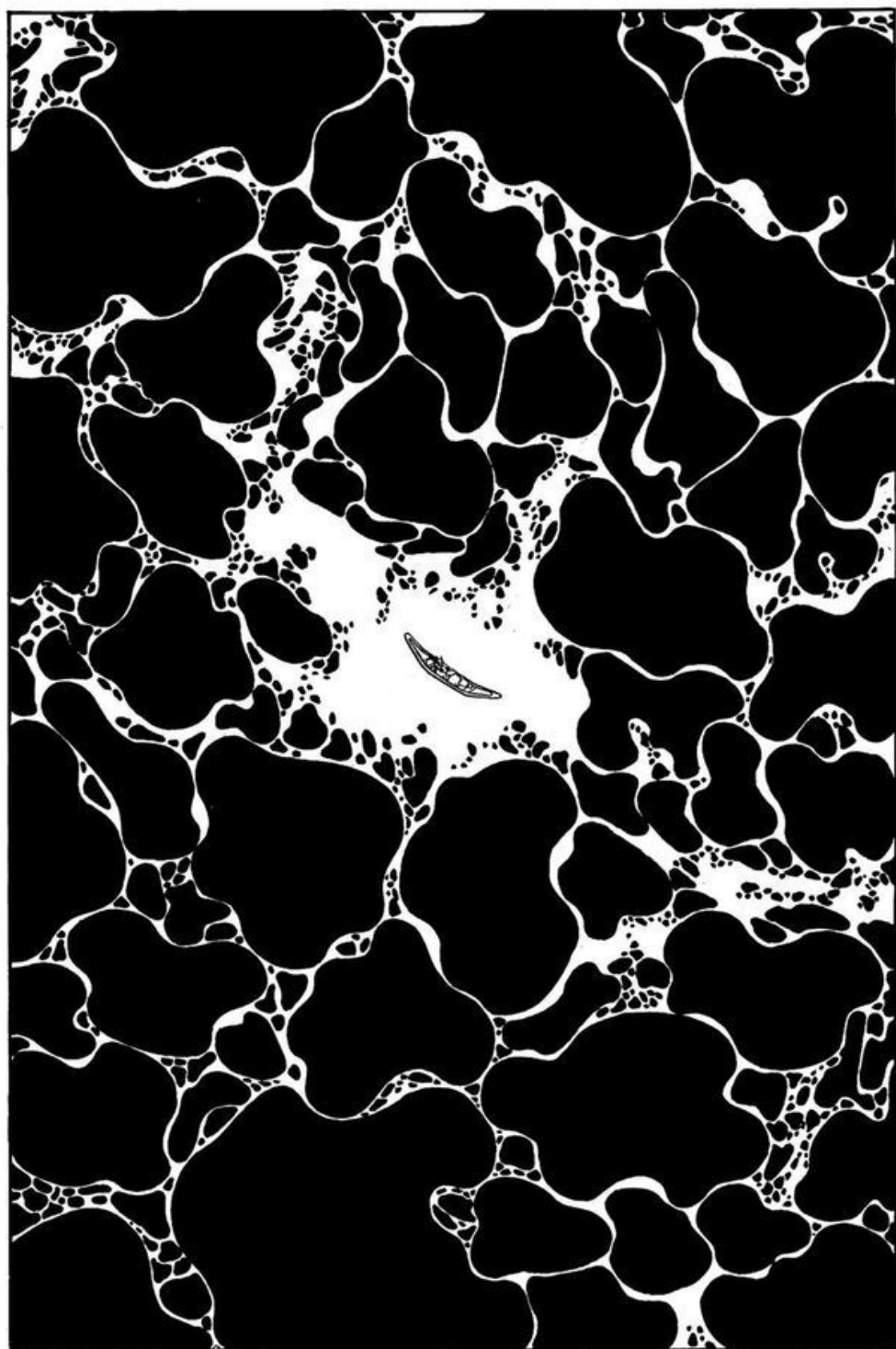


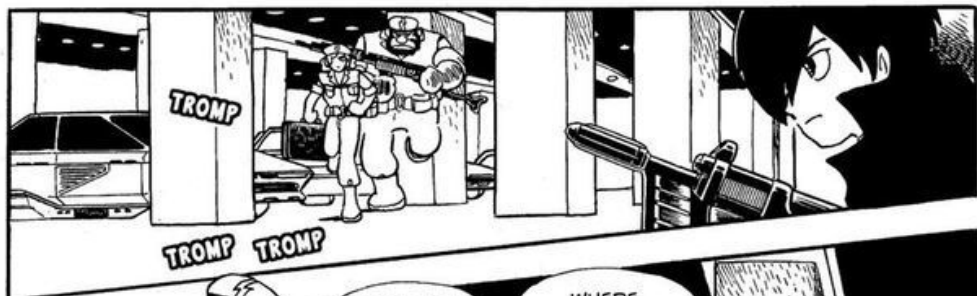
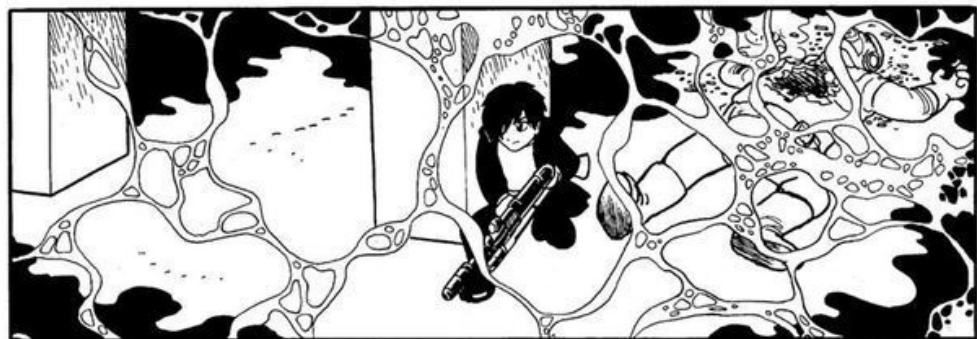
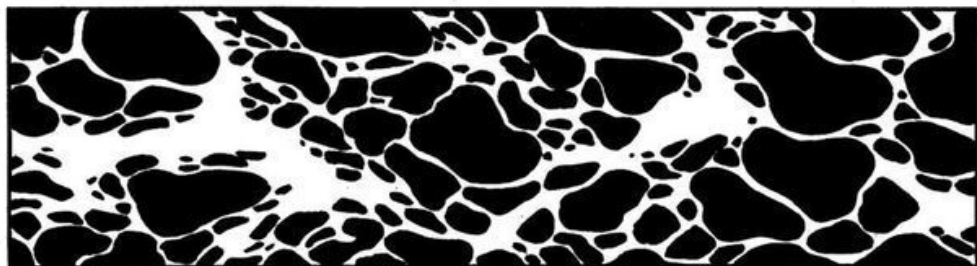




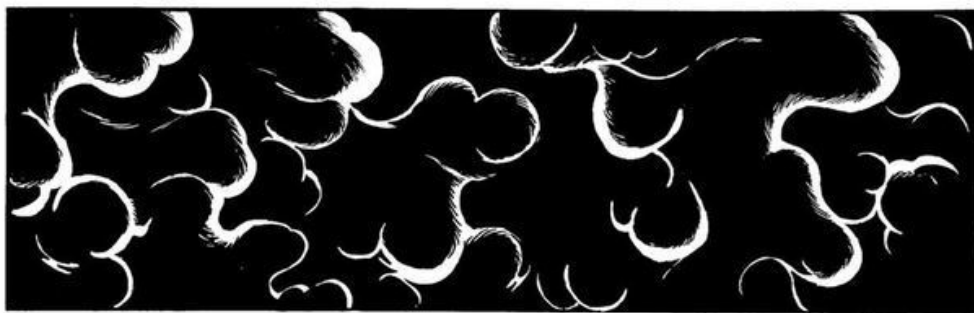
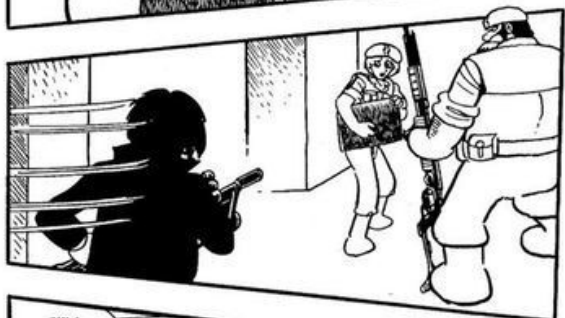
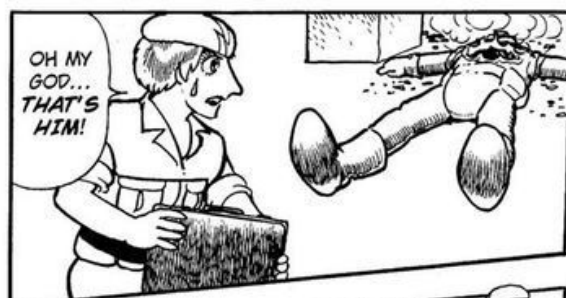


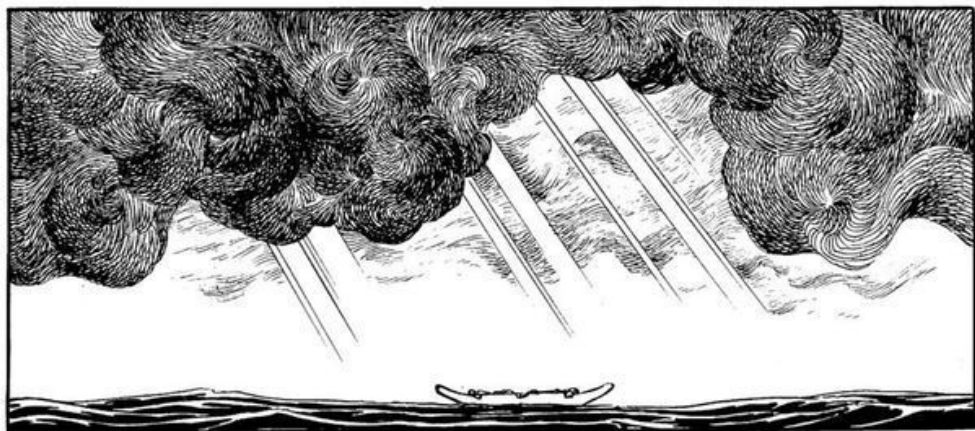






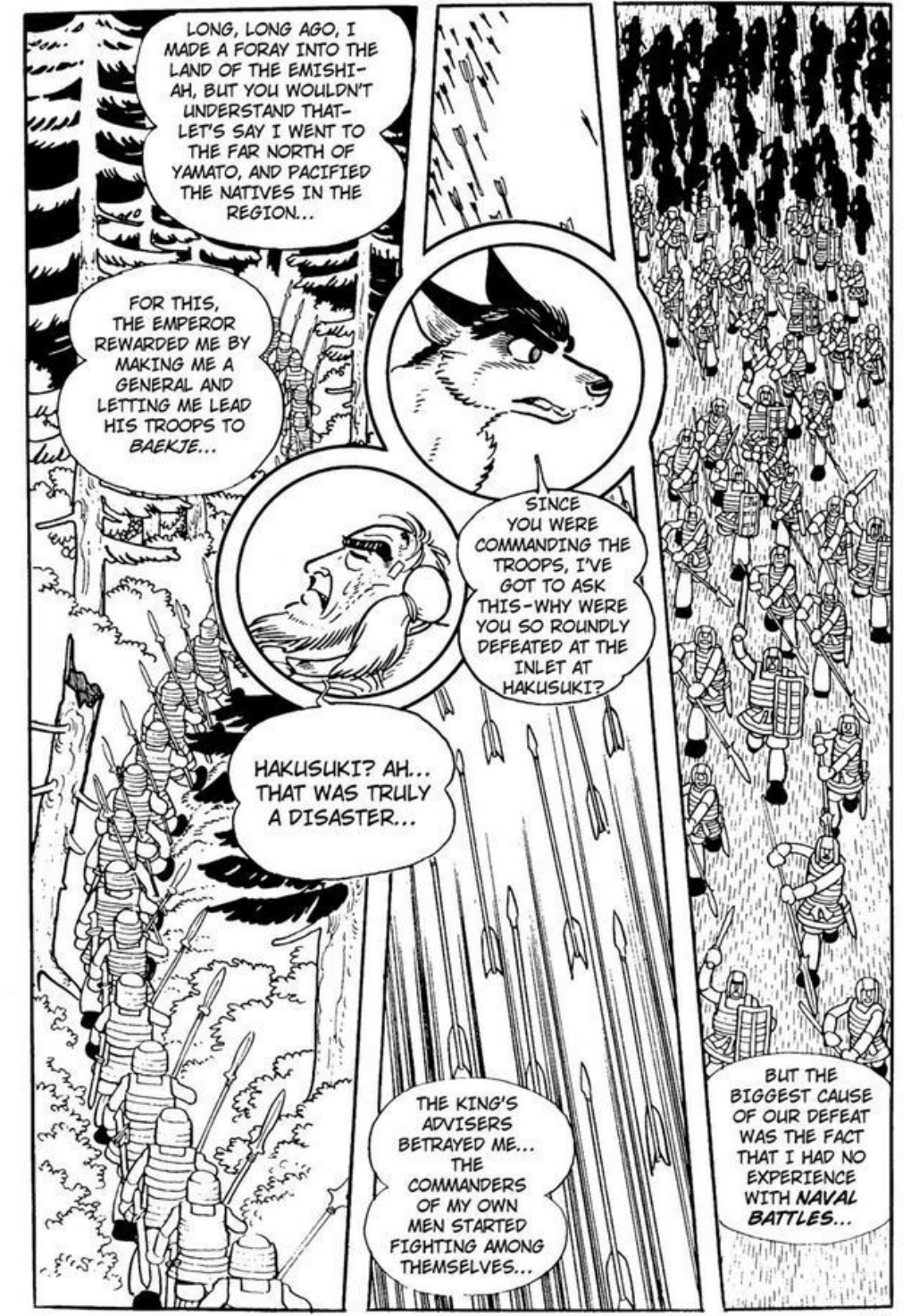






BAEKJE, SILLA, AND GOGURYEO WERE THREE FAMOUS KINGDOMS OF ANCIENT KOREA, KNOWN AS KUDARA, SILLA, AND KOKURYO TO THE JAPANESE...





LONG, LONG AGO, I  
MADE A FORAY INTO THE  
LAND OF THE EMISHI-  
AH, BUT YOU WOULDN'T  
UNDERSTAND THAT-  
LET'S SAY I WENT TO  
THE FAR NORTH OF  
YAMATO, AND PACIFIED  
THE NATIVES IN THE  
REGION...

FOR THIS,  
THE EMPEROR  
REWARDED ME BY  
MAKING ME A  
GENERAL AND  
LETTING ME LEAD  
HIS TROOPS TO  
BAEKJE...

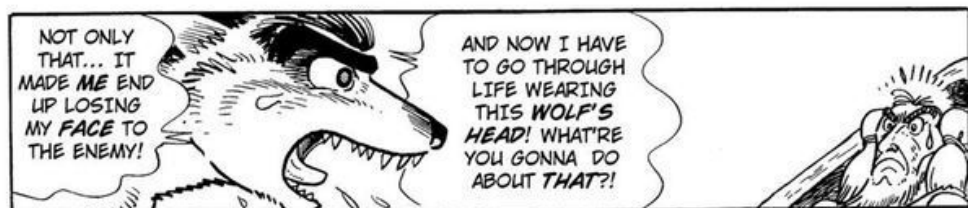
SINCE  
YOU WERE  
COMMANDING THE  
TROOPS, I'VE  
GOT TO ASK  
THIS-WHY WERE  
YOU SO ROUNDLY  
DEFEATED AT THE  
INLET AT  
HAKUSUKI?

HAKUSUKI? AH...  
THAT WAS TRULY  
A DISASTER...

THE KING'S  
ADVISERS  
BETRAYED ME...

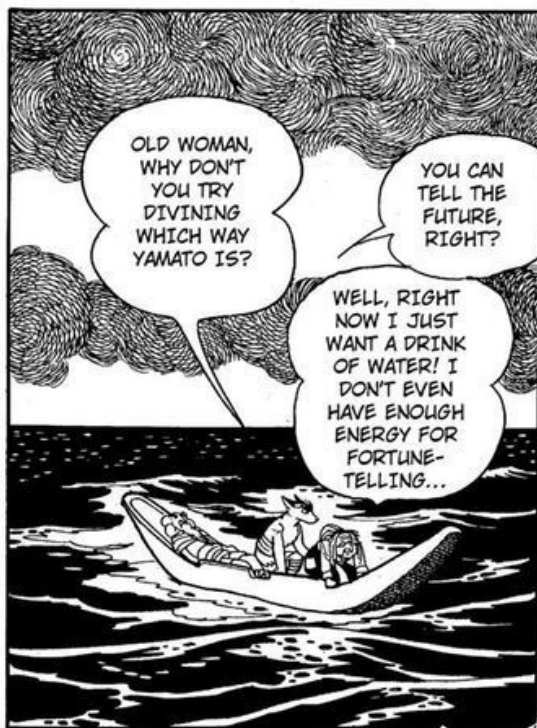
THE  
COMMANDERS  
OF MY OWN  
MEN STARTED  
FIGHTING AMONG  
THEMSELVES...

BUT THE  
BIGGEST CAUSE  
OF OUR DEFEAT  
WAS THE FACT  
THAT I HAD NO  
EXPERIENCE  
WITH NAVAL  
BATTLES...

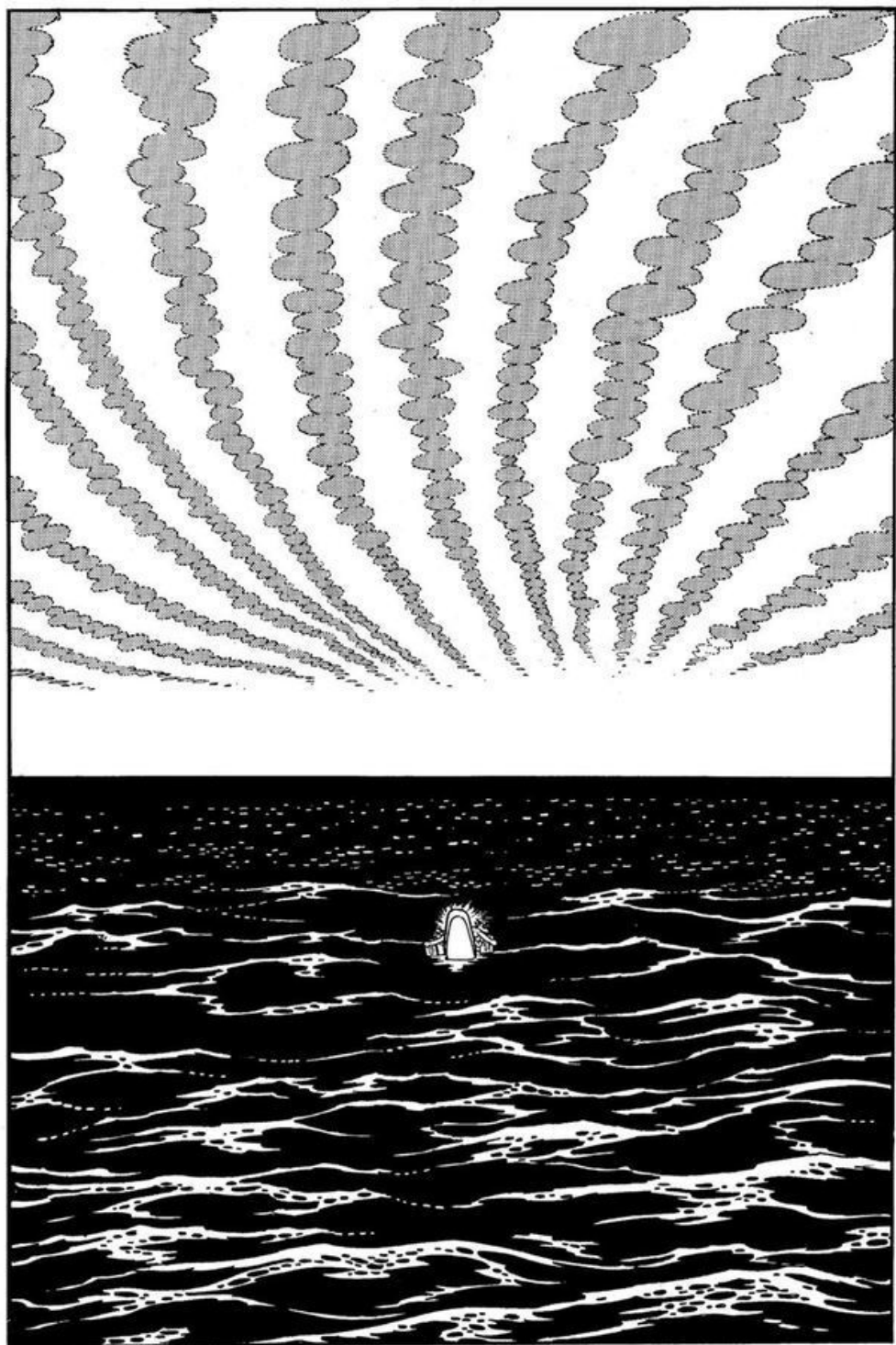


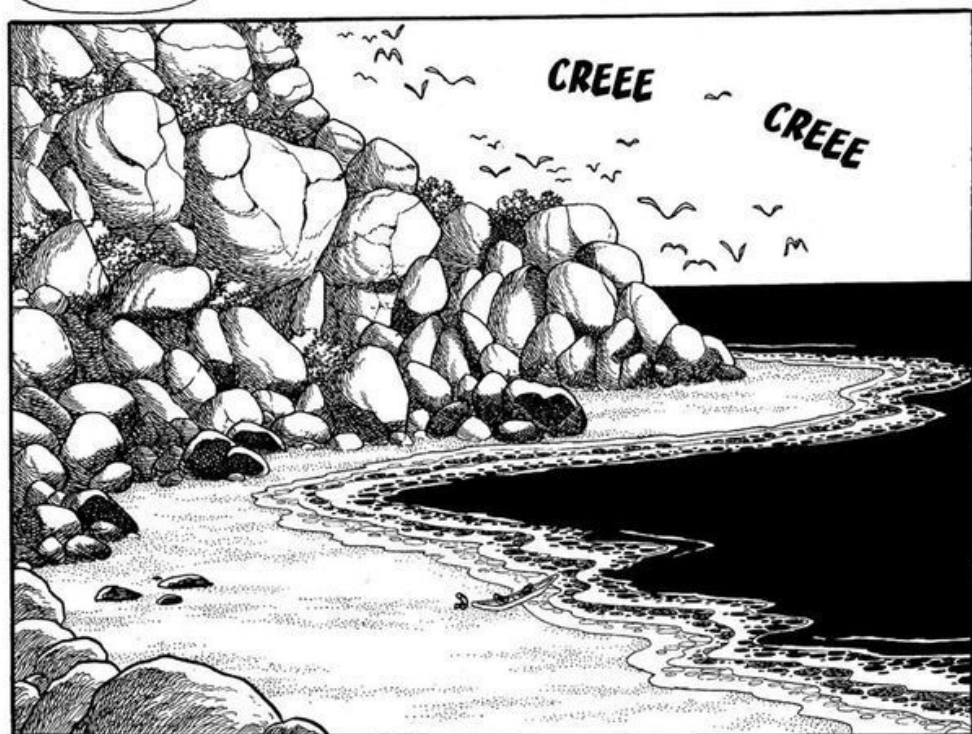
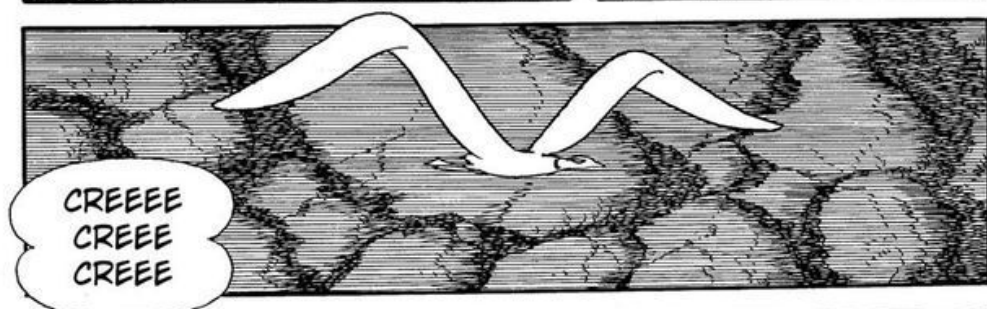
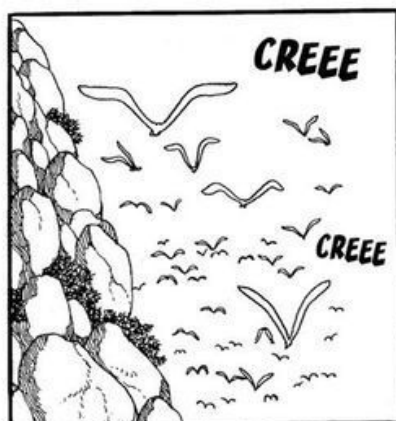




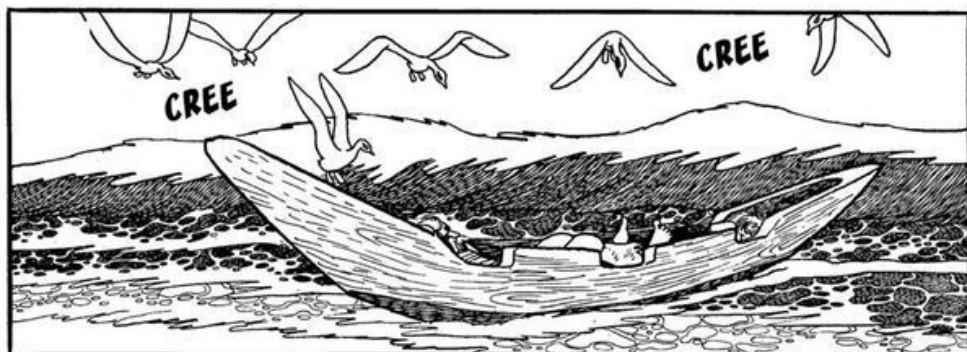


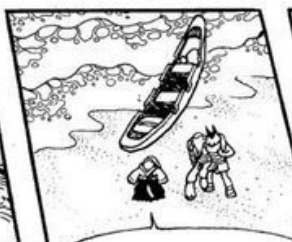




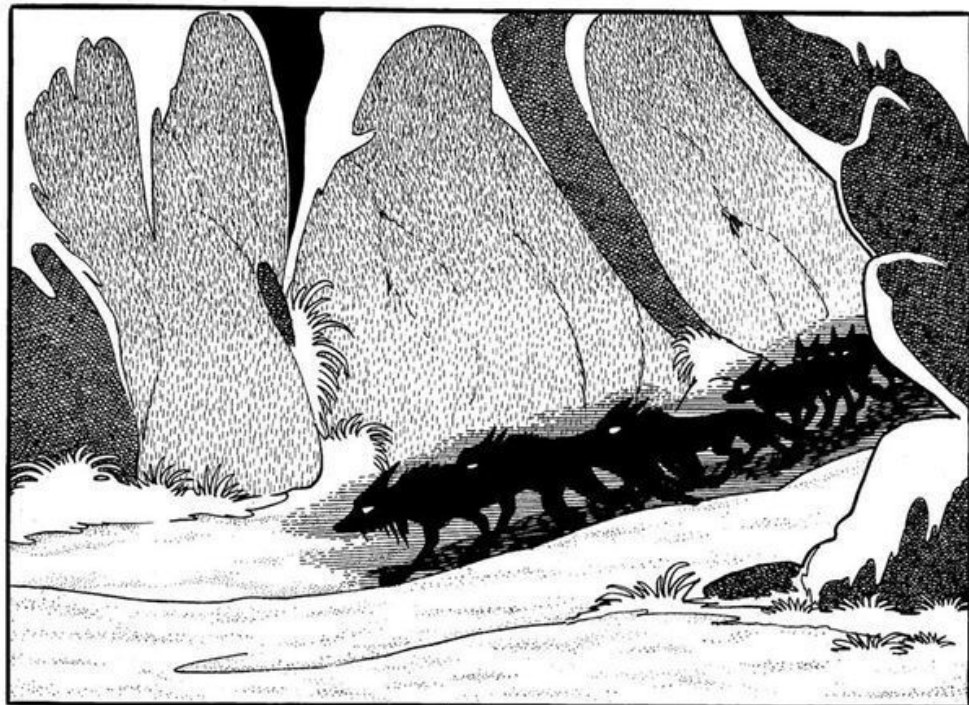












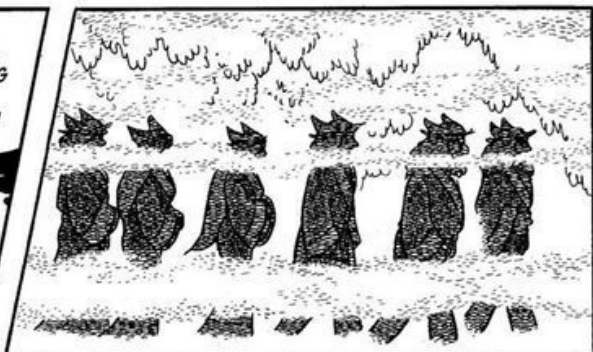














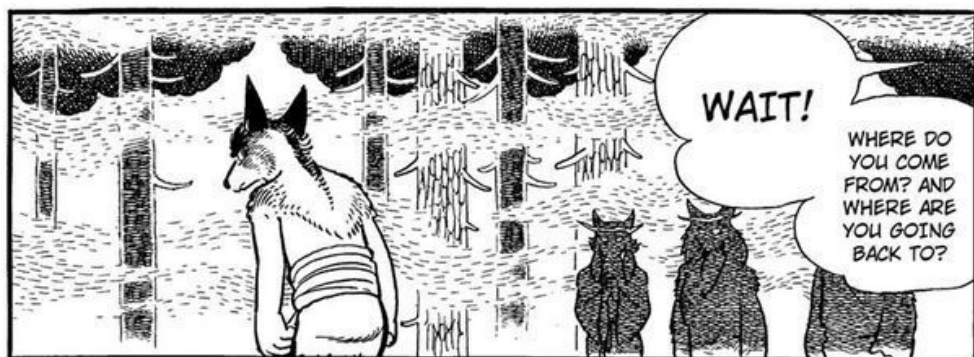






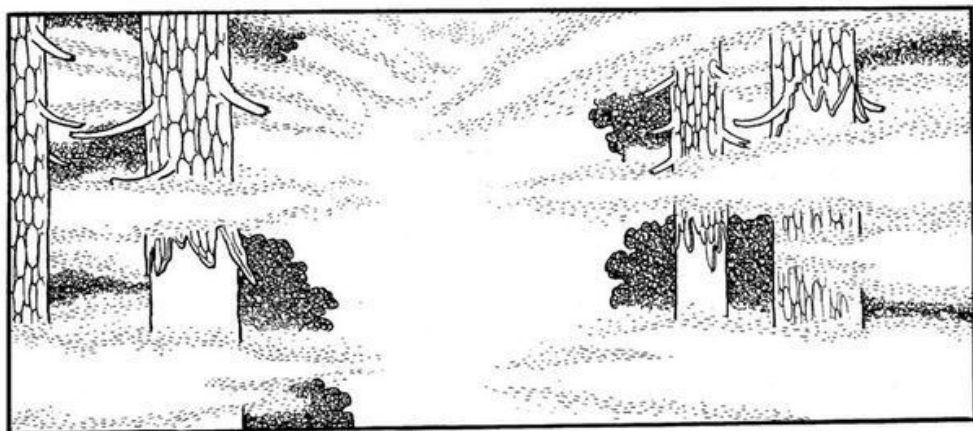




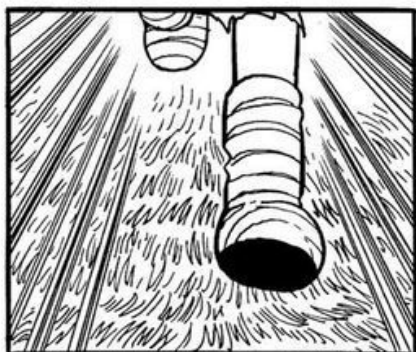


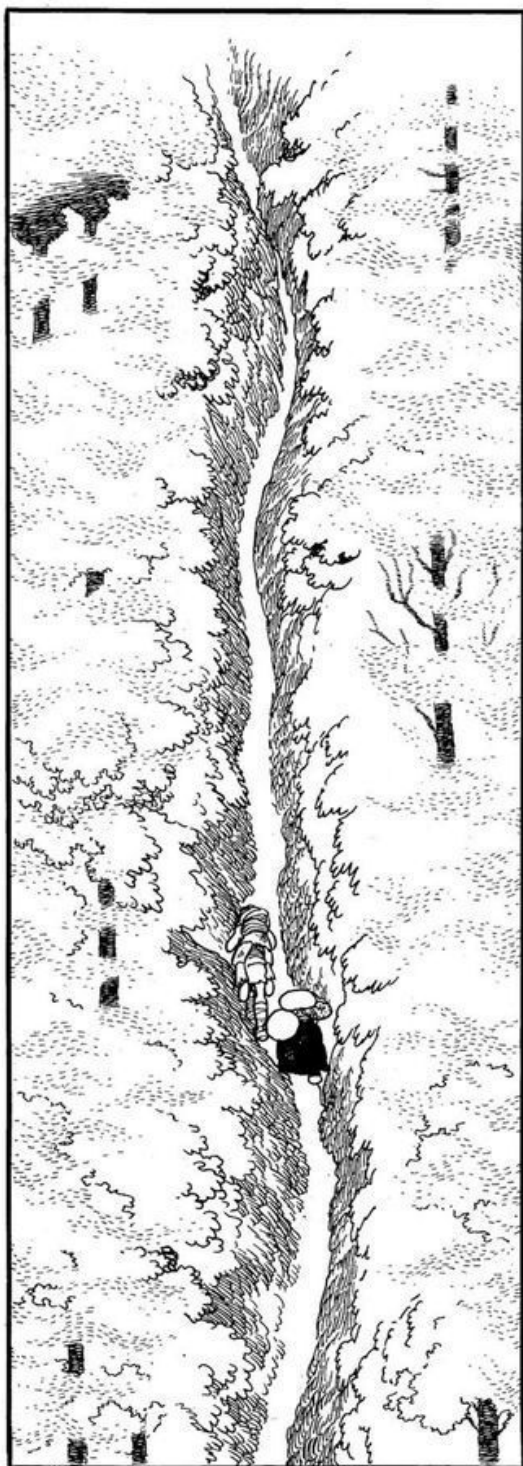
WHERE DO YOU COME FROM? AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING BACK TO?

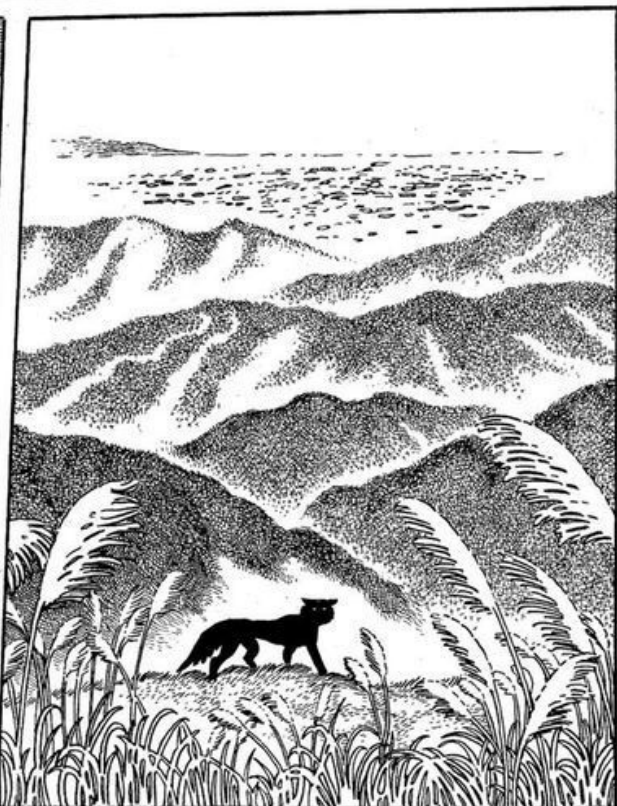


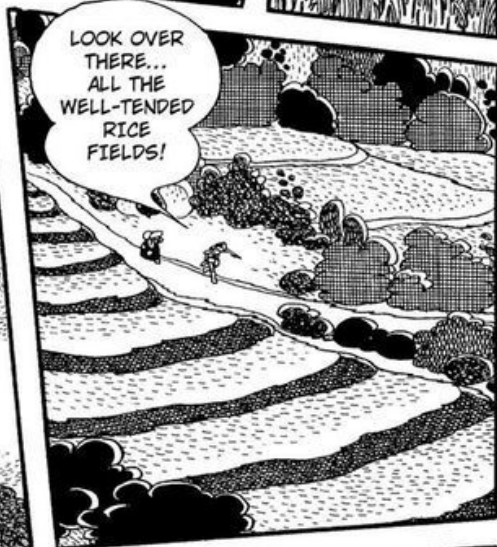




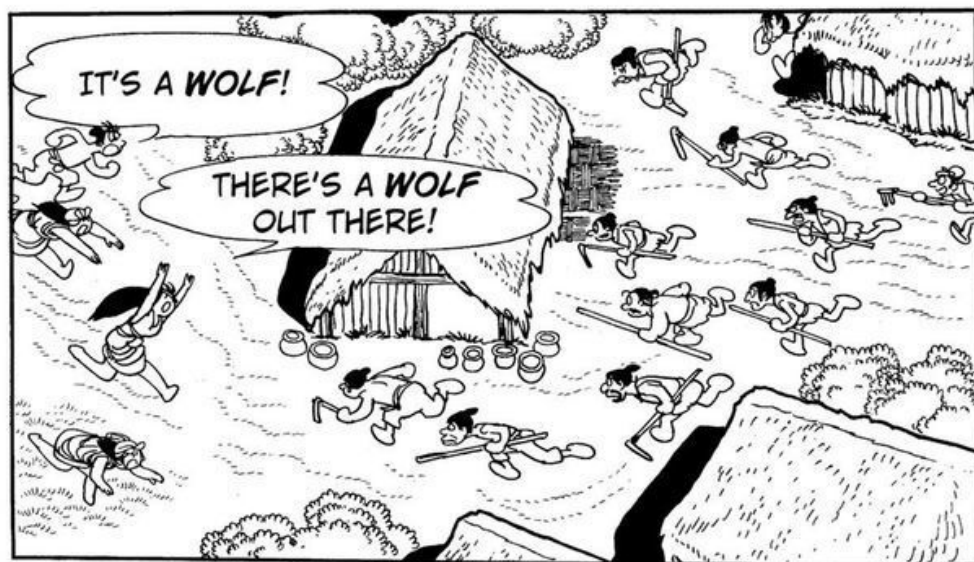




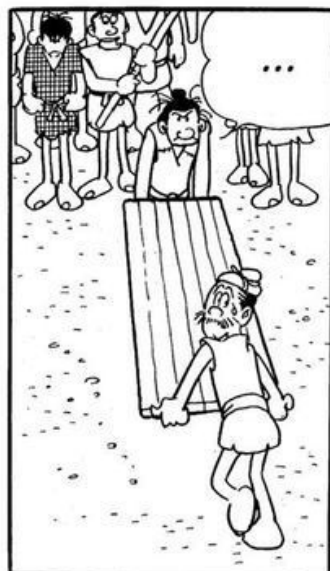
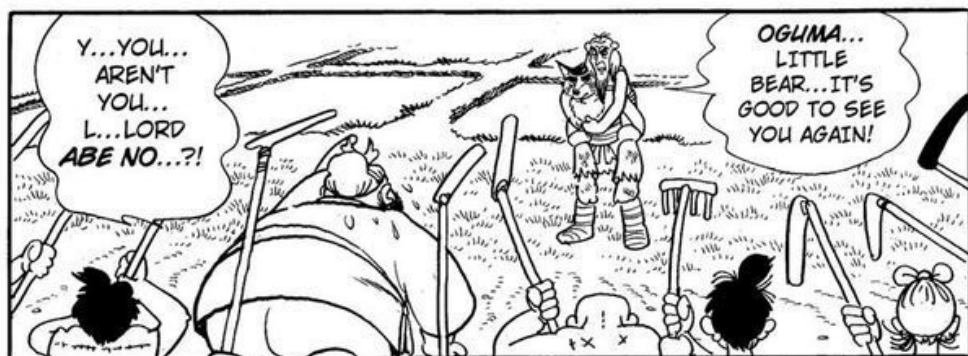


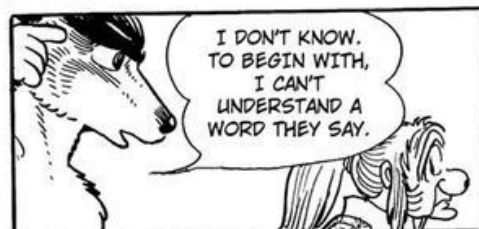


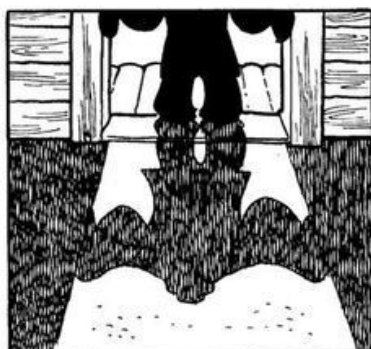


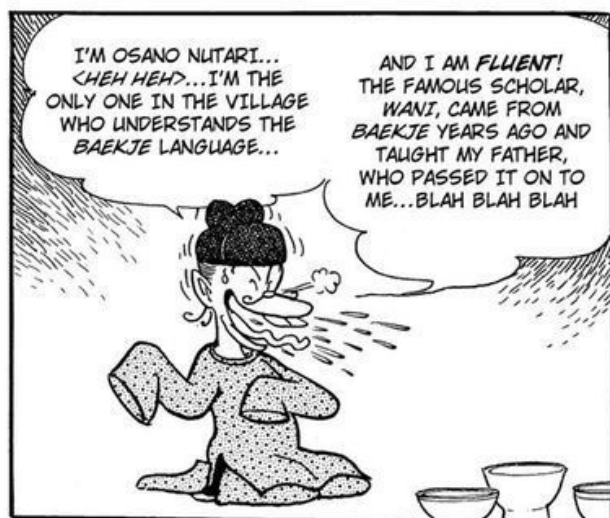


















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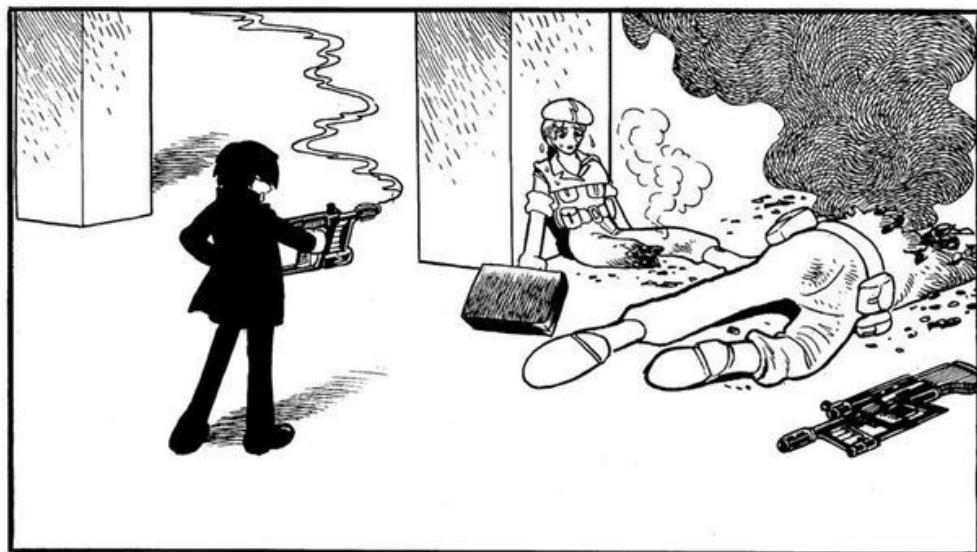
ONE  
MORE  
DRINK?!

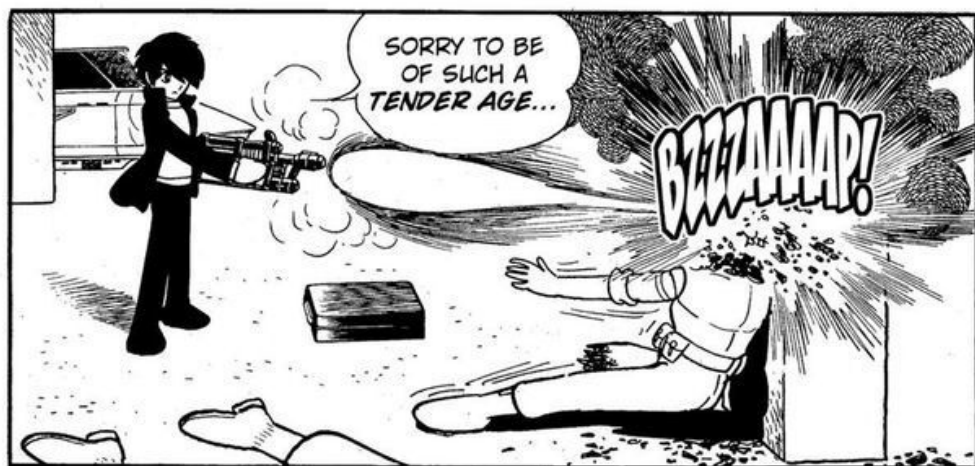
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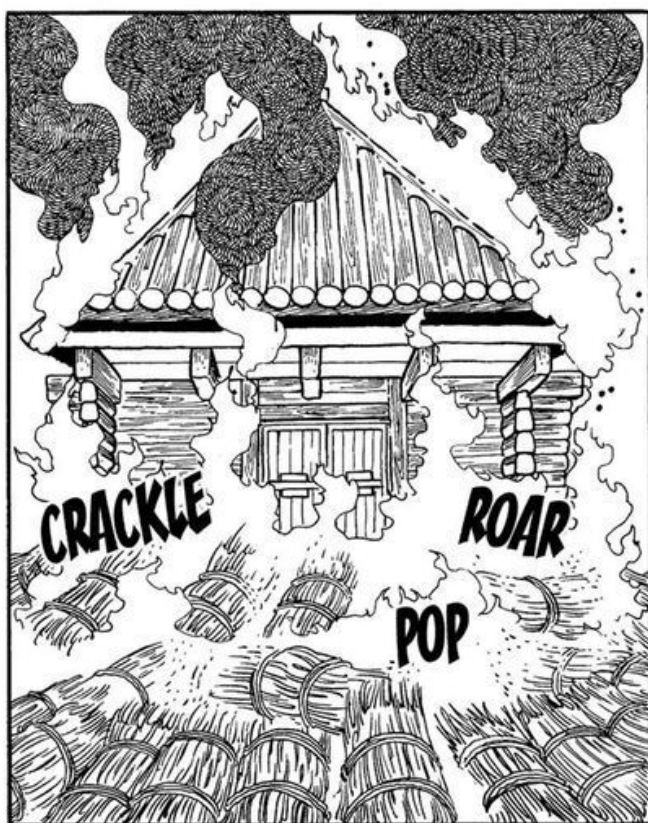
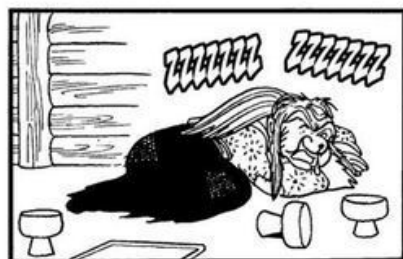
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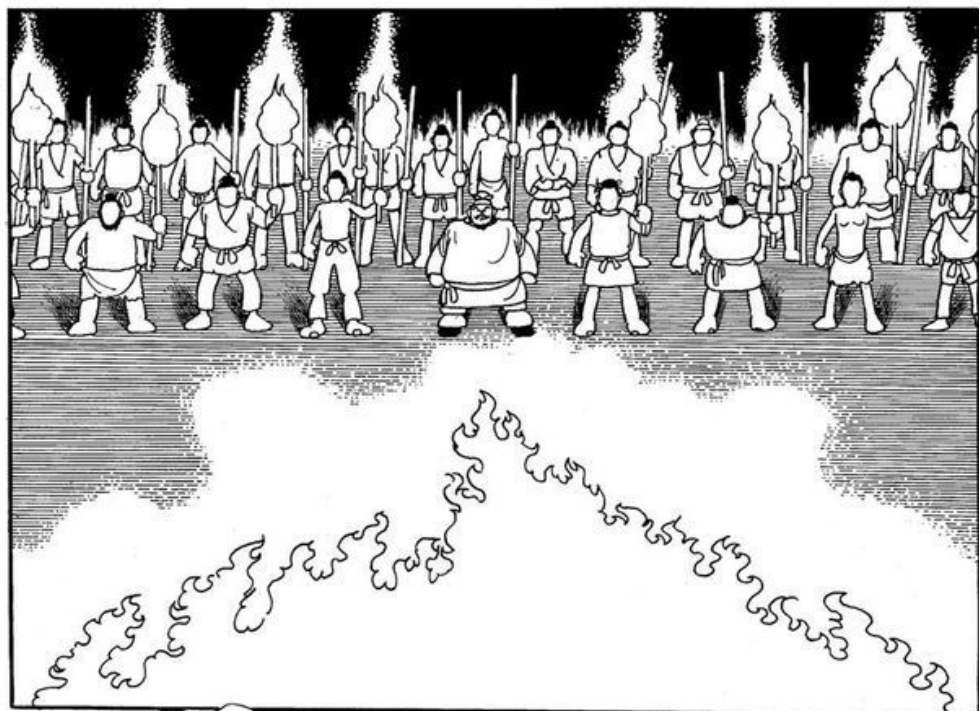


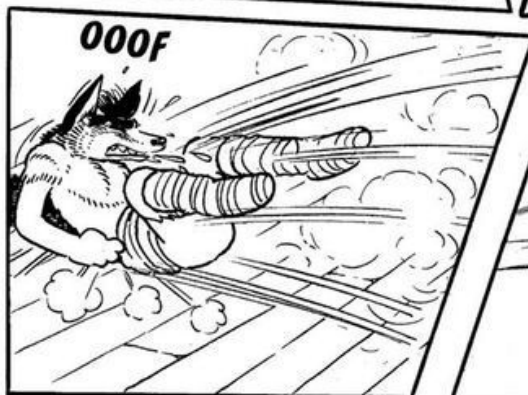




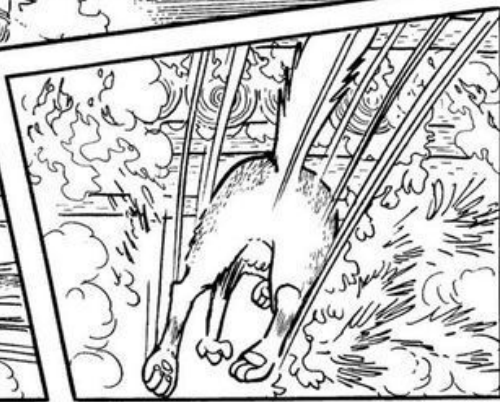
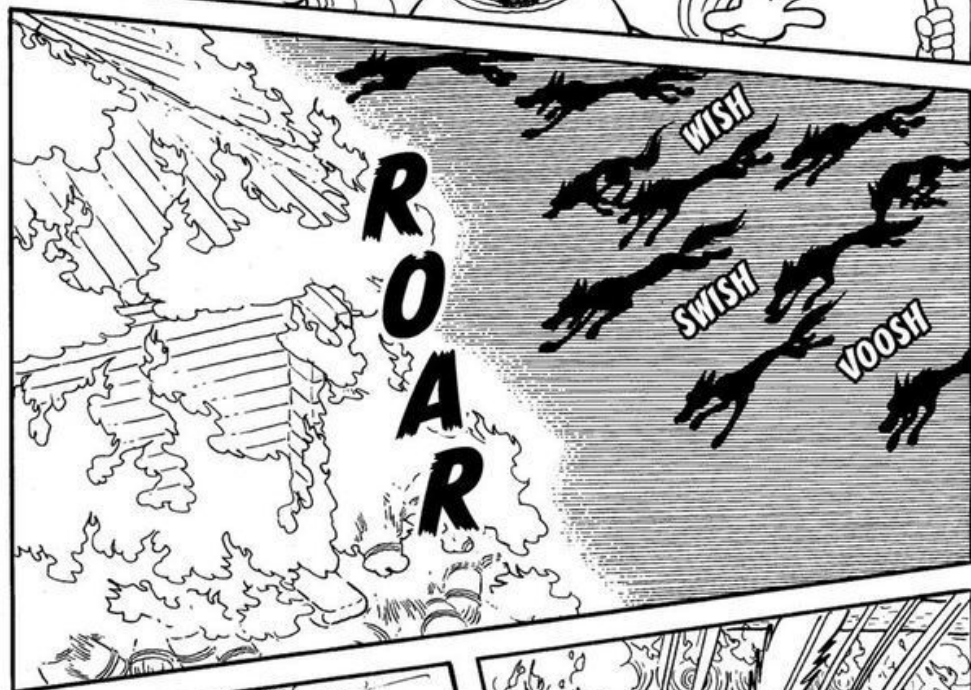




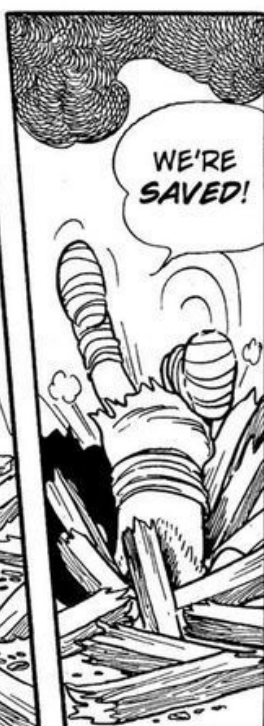






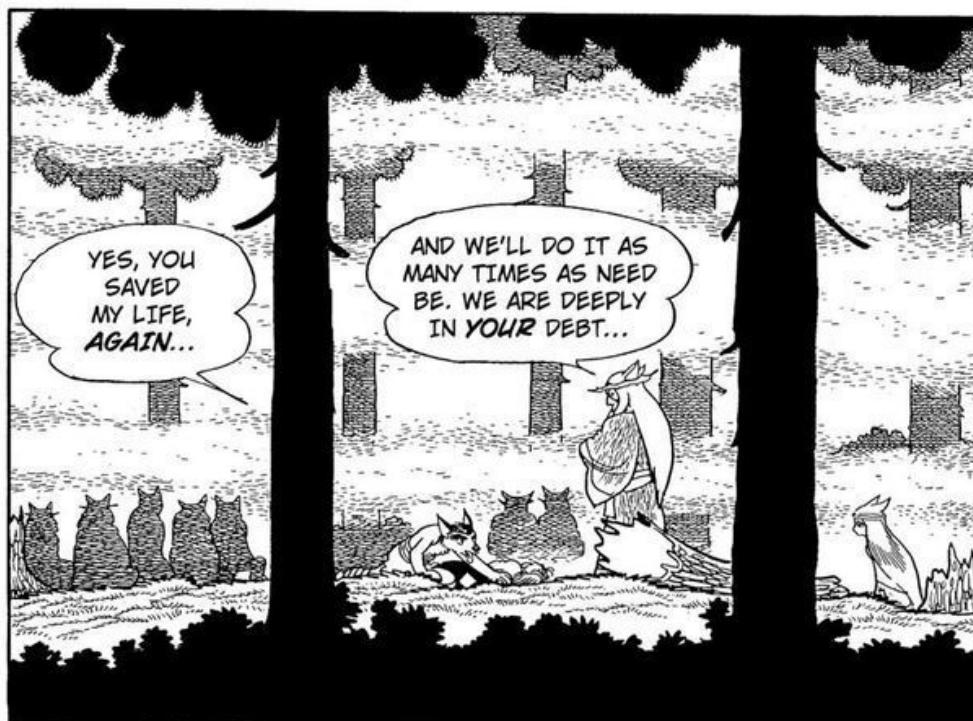
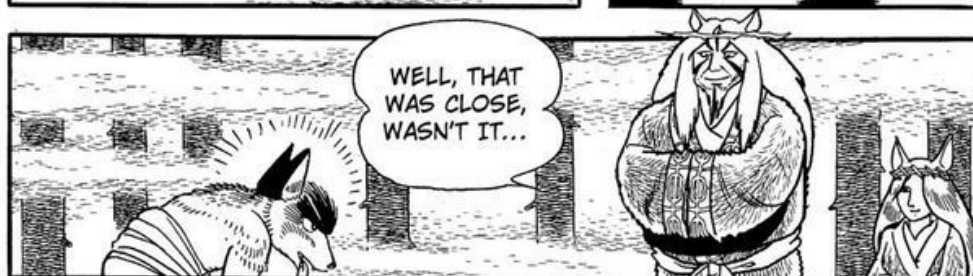


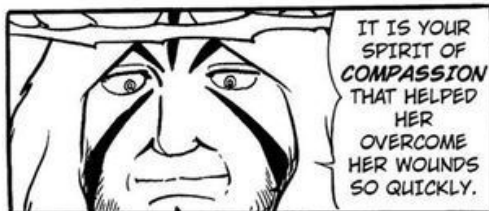














I KNOW THAT  
YOU ARE  
DIFFERENT  
FROM REGULAR  
HUMANS...  
BUT I'M HAPPY  
THAT YOUR  
DAUGHTER HAS  
RECOVERED.



MY DAUGHTER MARIMO HERE  
SENSED THAT YOU WERE  
IN GRAVE DANGER.



SHE  
SUDDENLY  
AWOKE...



...AND  
SHOUTED  
OUT THAT  
YOU WERE  
IN GRAVE  
DANGER.



THERE  
IS NO  
REASON  
TO BE  
SURPR-  
ISED.

WE SPIRIT  
PEOPLE HAVE  
A CERTAIN  
UNDER-  
STANDING  
OF HUMAN  
BEHAVIOR.



AND THAT'S WHY  
WE STRIVE TO  
PROTECT **ALL**  
LIVING THINGS  
IN THIS LAND.

HUMANS HAVE  
VARIOUS NAMES  
FOR US. THEY  
CALL US "BIRTH  
DIETIES," "EARTH  
SPIRITS," AND  
"GODS OF THE  
LAND"...

SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, HUMANS HAVE  
INVOKED OUR NAMES AND MADE  
OFFERINGS TO US DURING THE  
PLANTING AND HARVEST SEASONS...



...AND WE, IN TURN, HAVE PROVIDED  
HUMANS WITH RAIN, WATER SOURCES, AND  
TOOLS TO WORK THE LAND...TOGETHER  
WITH HUMANS, WE HAVE SHARED IN THE  
JOYS AND SORROWS OF EXISTENCE...



HOWEVER, SOME  
DECADES AGO...  
**FOREIGN DIETIES**  
MADE THEIR WAY TO  
YAMATO...



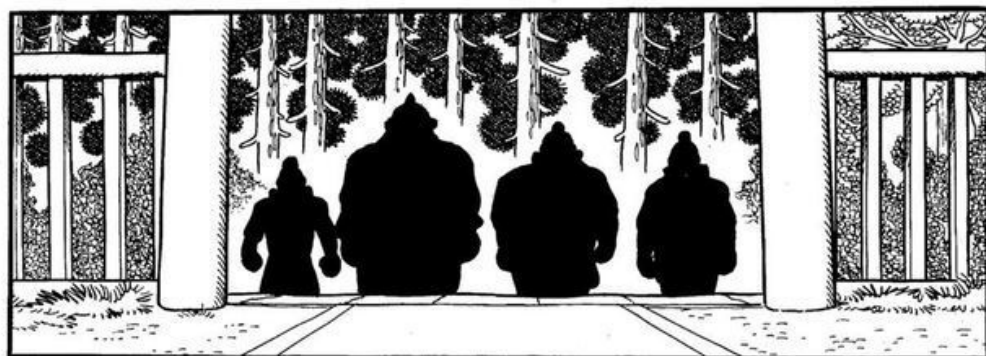
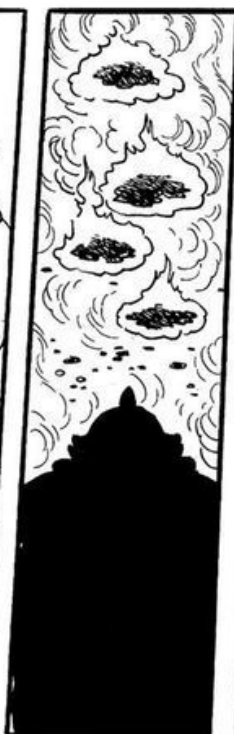
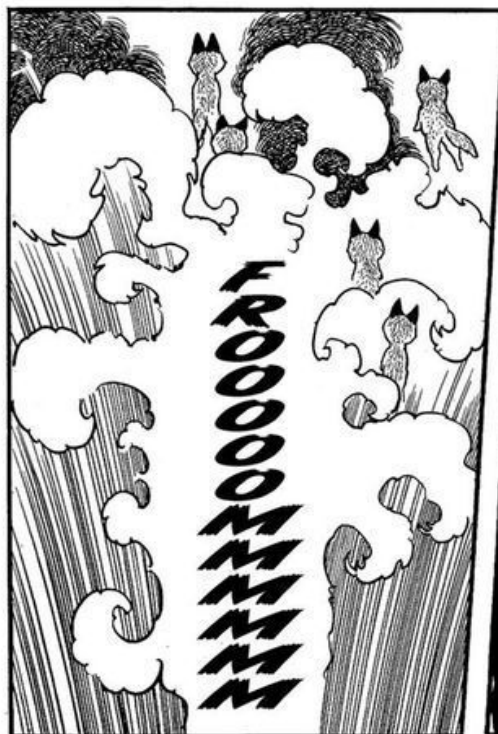
AND, HAVING  
GAINED THE  
PROTECTION OF  
THE EMPEROR,  
THEY IMMEDIATELY  
FORCED THEIR WAY  
INTO EVERY NOOK  
AND CRANNY OF  
OUR LAND...





THE FOREIGN  
DIETIES FIRST MADE  
THEIR INCURSION INTO  
OUR CORNER OF THE WORLD  
BUT TEN YEARS AGO...

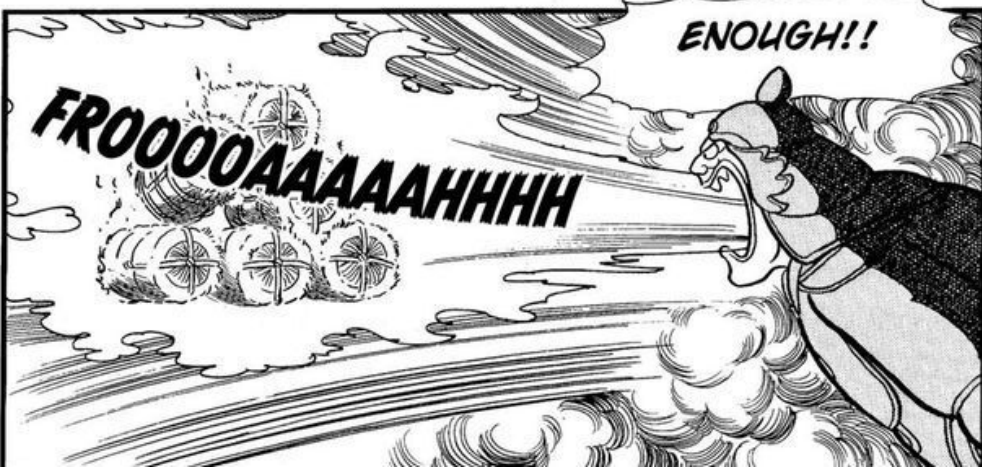




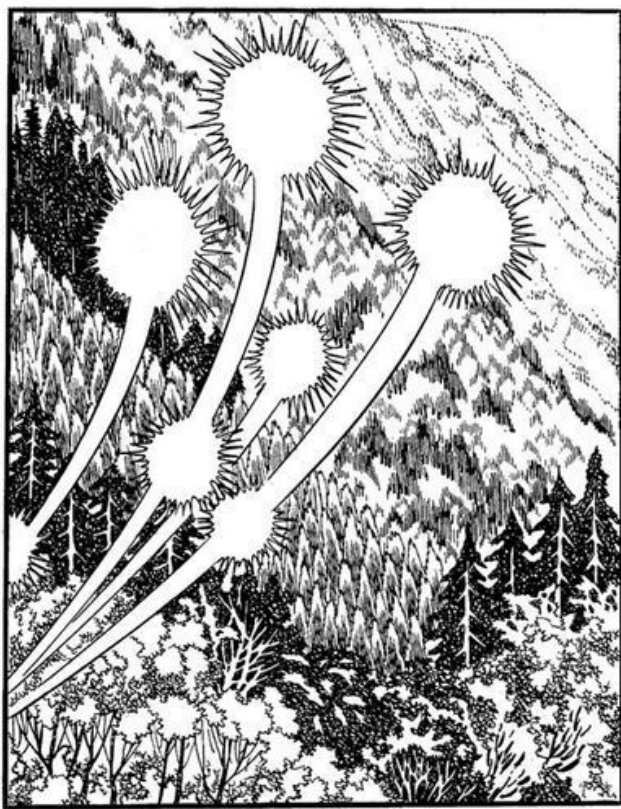
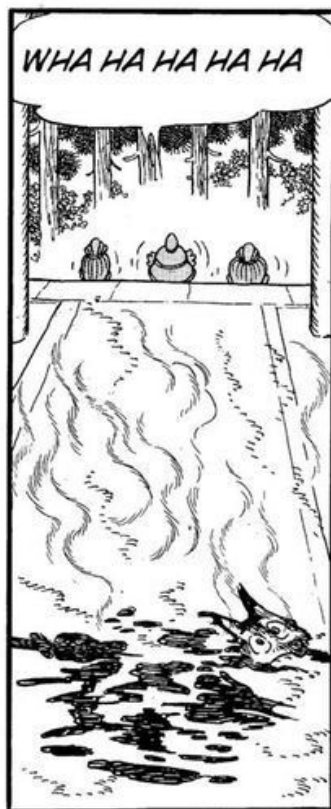
















MOTHER,  
SOMETHING  
AWFUL HAS  
OCCURRED IN  
FATHER'S  
ABSENCE...



I KNOW...I HEAR THAT THOSE  
FOREIGN DEITIES HAVE  
BEFRIENDED THE HUMAN  
NOBLES...AND THAT THEY ARE  
EXTREMELY **POWERFUL**...

WELL, WE  
HAVE TO LET  
THEM KNOW  
THAT WE  
DESIRE A  
**PEACEFUL  
DIALOG**...



I DON'T THINK  
THAT WOULD  
MEAN MUCH TO  
THEM, MY SON...

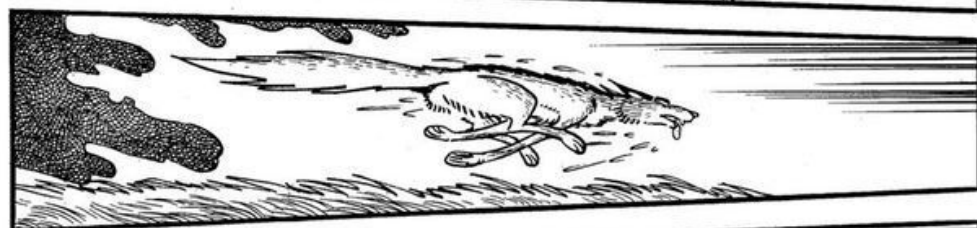
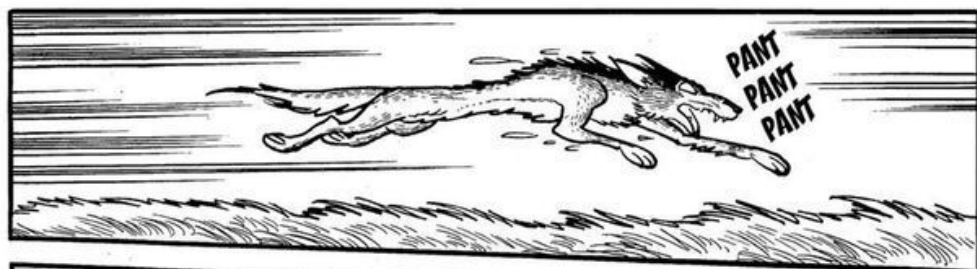


STILL, I'LL  
TRY MY  
BEST...

BUT JUST  
IN CASE,  
I'VE SENT  
WORD FOR  
FATHER TO  
COME BACK  
FROM  
EZO...



UNFORTUNATELY, THE  
MESSENGER SENT TO EZO  
NEVER ARRIVED...





YOU AND  
MOTHER HAD  
BETTER HIDE  
IN THE STONE  
ROOM BEHIND  
THE WATERFALL,  
LITTLE  
SISTER...

NOBIRU  
!



PLEASE,  
PLEASE  
BE  
CAREFUL  
...

I WILL,  
MARIMO...  
BUT I HAVE  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
FUTURE,  
TOO...



YOU MUST  
NOT LET  
THOSE  
FOREIGN  
DEITIES  
SEE YOU...



IF I CAN ONLY  
CONVINCE THEM THAT  
WE WANT PEACE,  
THERE MAY BE  
SOME ROOM FOR  
COMPROMISE...

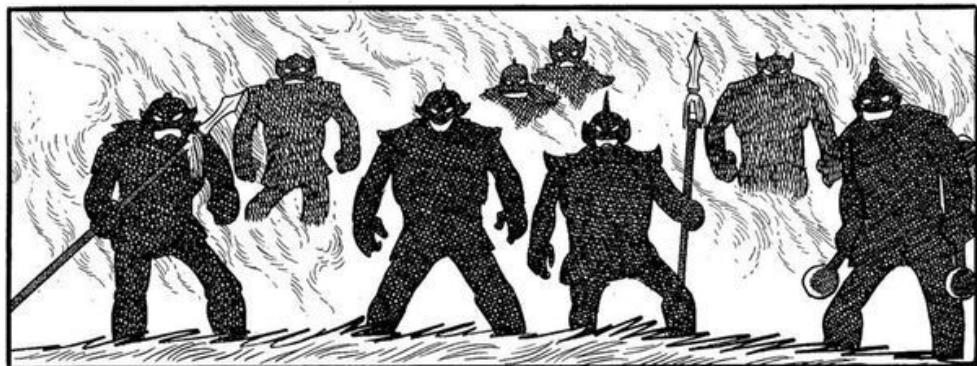
GOOD  
LUCK,  
NOBIRU!  
GOOD  
LUCK!











THIS IS *OUR* HOMELAND... IF YOU CREATURES WANT TO LIVE HERE WITH US—WITH THE SPIRIT TRIBE—WE WILL WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS...

BUT WE SHALL NEVER VACATE THIS LAND FOR YOU. WE ARE THE ORIGINAL *GUARDIAN DEITIES* OF THIS PLACE...



IF THAT'S YOUR REPLY, YOU ARE MORE STUPID THAN WE THOUGHT...

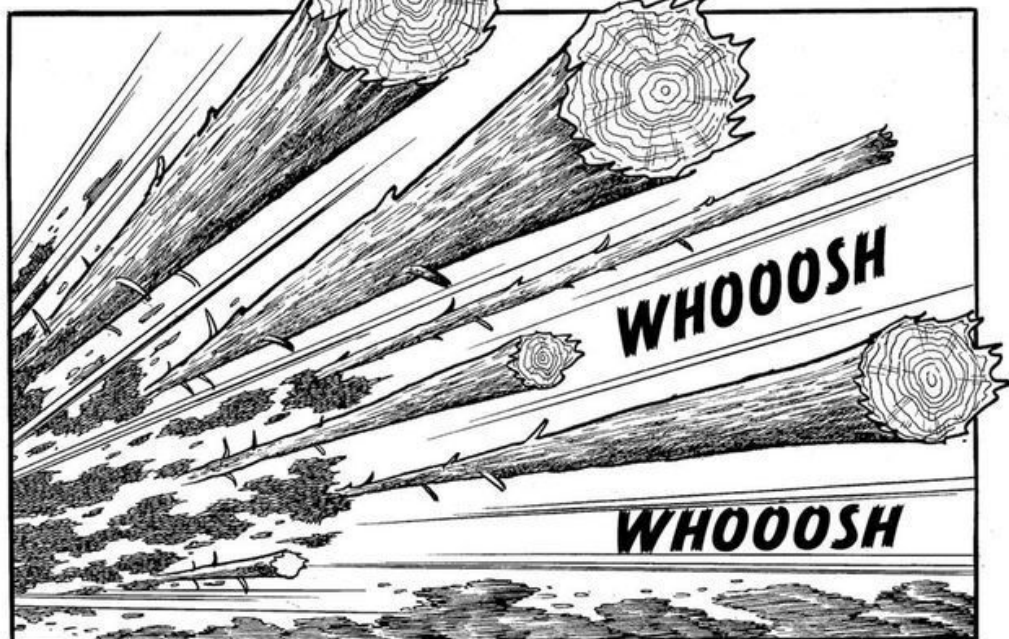
I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO USE *FORCE*.

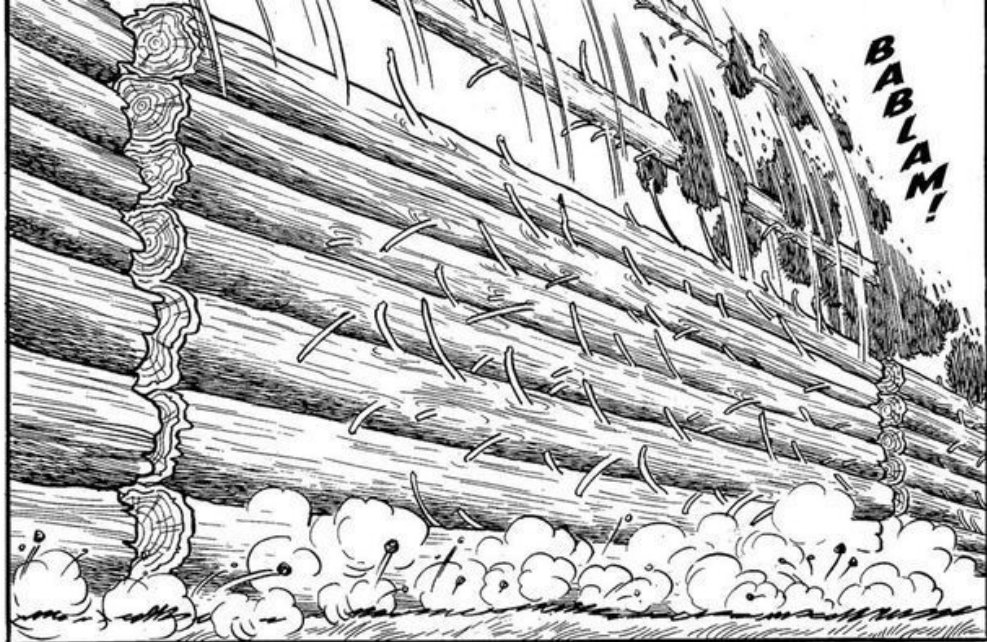


I HAD HOPED TO AVOID A FIGHT WITH YOU...

WE HAVE POWERS OF OUR *OWN*, YOU KNOW...

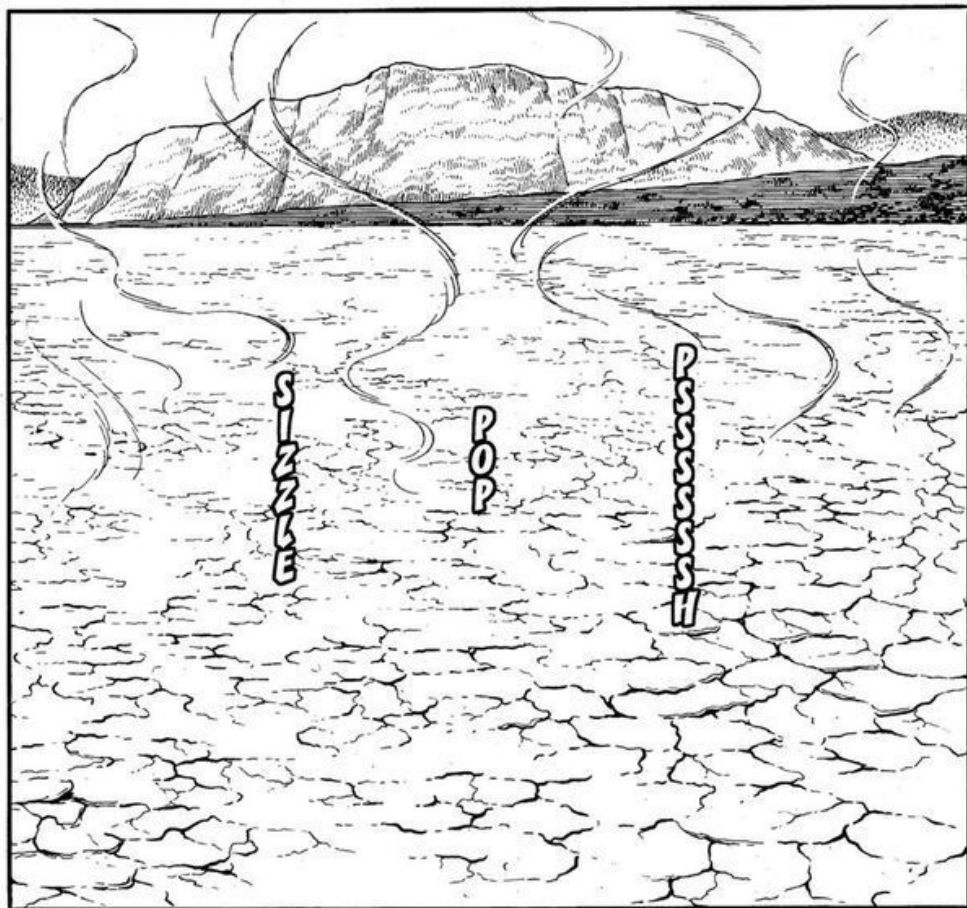
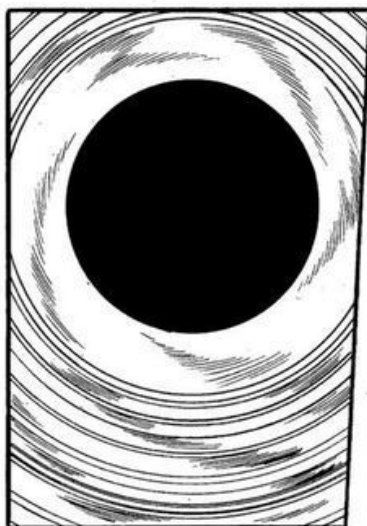




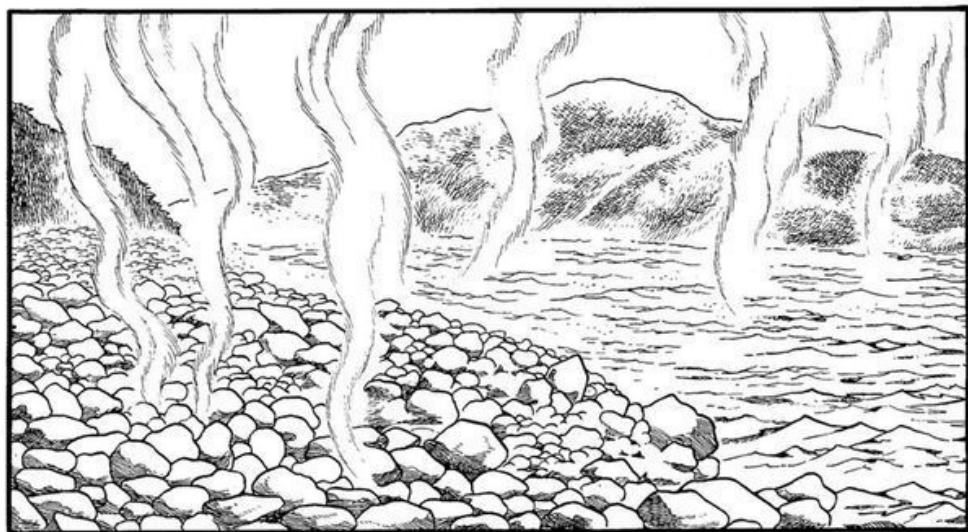
















LORD  
NOBIRU...!

H...HOW  
COULD  
THEY...?



THERE ARE  
TOO MANY  
OF YOU  
DEVILS...  
IT'S TIME  
TO WEED  
YOU OUT...



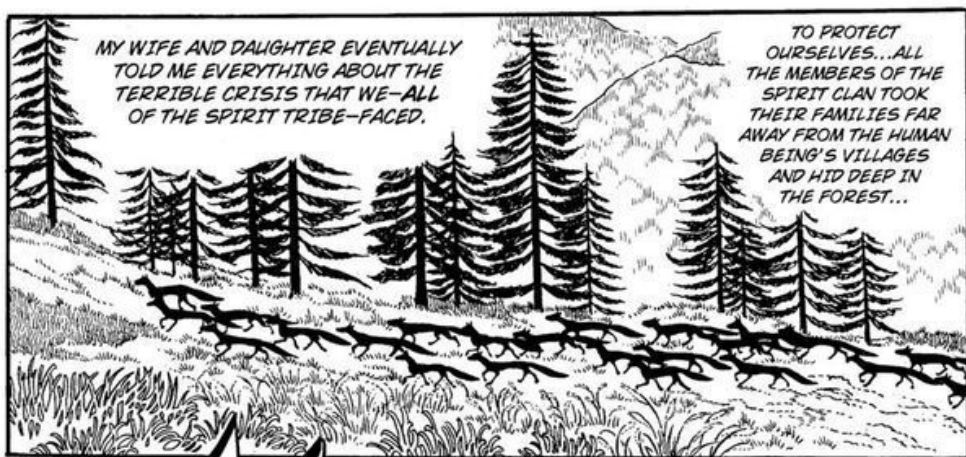


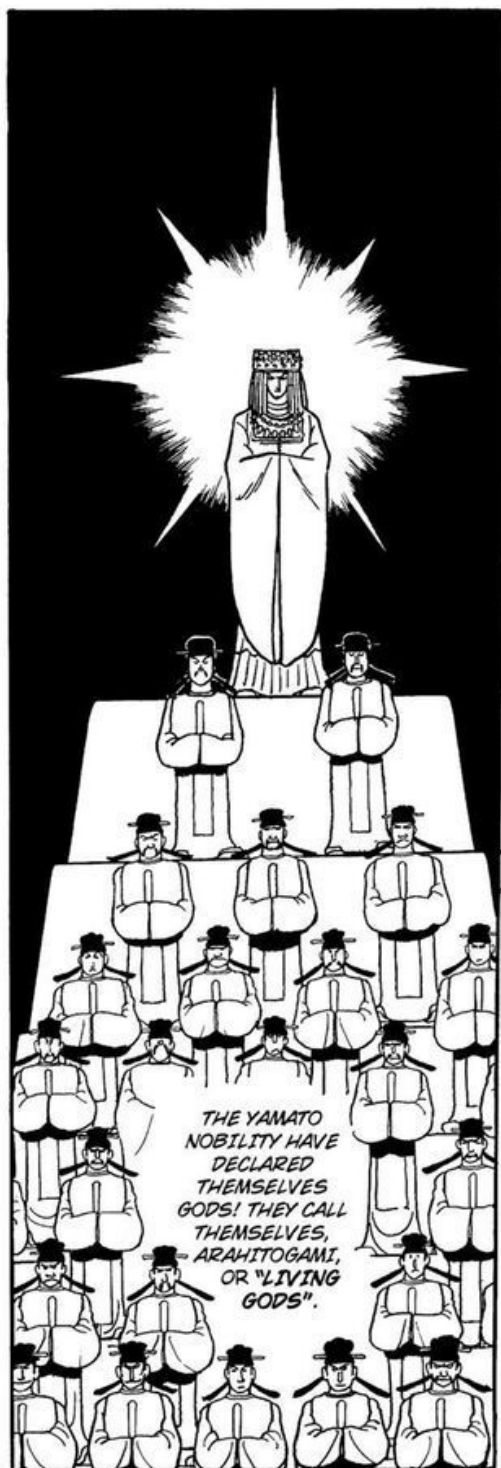


I RETURNED FROM MY  
JOURNEY WITHOUT ANY  
KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAD  
HAPPENED. AND I COULDN'T  
BELIEVE THE TERRIBLE  
CHANGE I SAW IN OUR LAND.









THE YAMATO  
NOBILITY HAVE  
DECLARED  
THEMSELVES  
GODS! THEY CALL  
THEMSELVES,  
— ARAHITOGAMI,  
OR "LIVING  
GODS".



BUT THAT'S  
NOT RIGHT!  
HOW CAN  
HUMAN BEINGS  
CLAIM TO BE  
OF DIVINE  
DESCENT?



IN EFFECT, AS THE  
EMPEROR, HAS  
GIVEN HIMSELF  
A DIVINE  
NAME...



B...BUT  
WHY  
WOULD HE  
DO THAT?

TO GIVE  
HIMSELF  
MORE  
POWER AND  
AUTHORITY,  
OF  
COURSE...



HUH?  
I GET  
IT...HE  
WANTS  
TO BE A  
GOD...







I KNOW I LOOK LIKE A HALF-WOLF, BUT I'M STILL **HUMAN**...AND IF I BECAME PART OF THE SPIRIT TRIBE, I KNOW I'D START TO RELY ON YOU TOO MUCH. I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DEVELOP MY FULL POTENTIAL AS A HUMAN.



STILL, WHEN I DO ACHIEVE MY GOALS, MARIMO...



I SWEAR THAT I WILL BECOME YOUR HUSBAND.



VERY WELL. I'LL ACCEPT YOUR PLEDGE. LUCKILY, THERE'S STILL TIME, SINCE WE OF THE SPIRIT TRIBE DON'T AGE AS FAST AS YOU HUMANS DO...



BUT I ALMOST FORGOT. I HAVE A BIG FAVOR TO ASK.



WE NEED YOU TO HELP US...TO HELP US FIND A NEW PLACE WHERE WE CAN LIVE...

I PROMISE THAT I WILL, SIR.



I'LL ALWAYS BE YOUR ALLY...



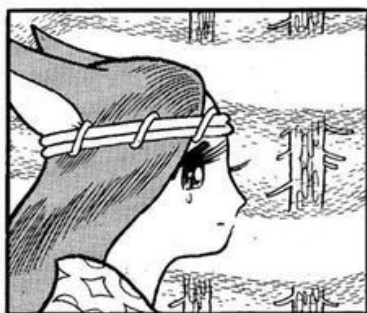
ZZZSNURF  
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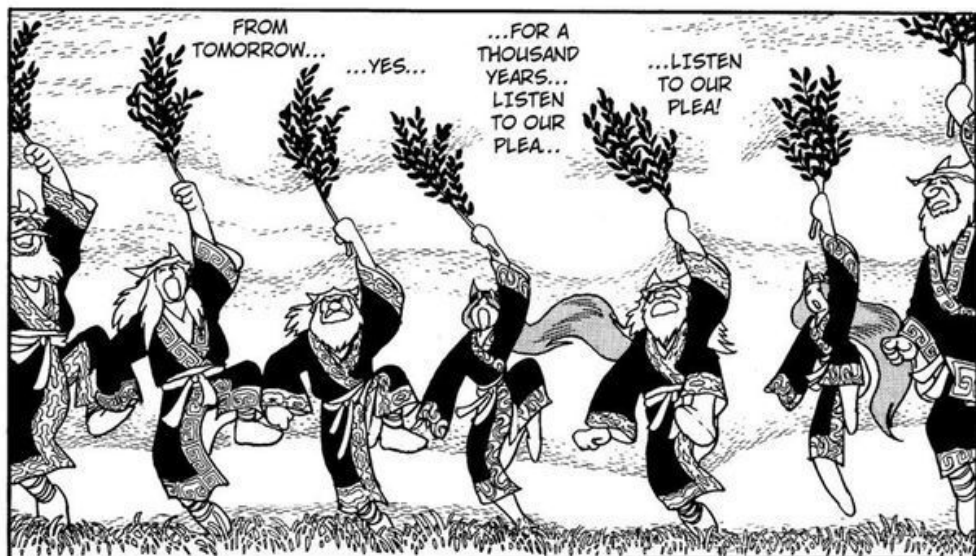
THE OLD WOMAN'S WAKING UP, BUT IF SHE SEES YOU SHE'LL MAKE A FUSS AGAIN.

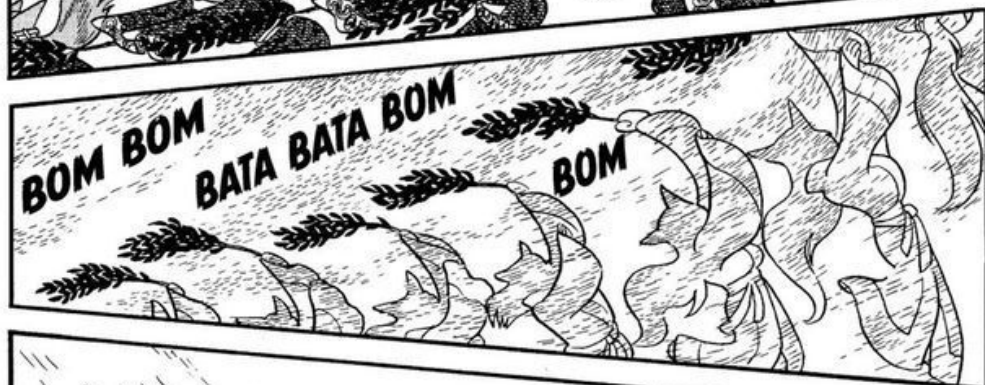
SO WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUR LEAVE NOW...









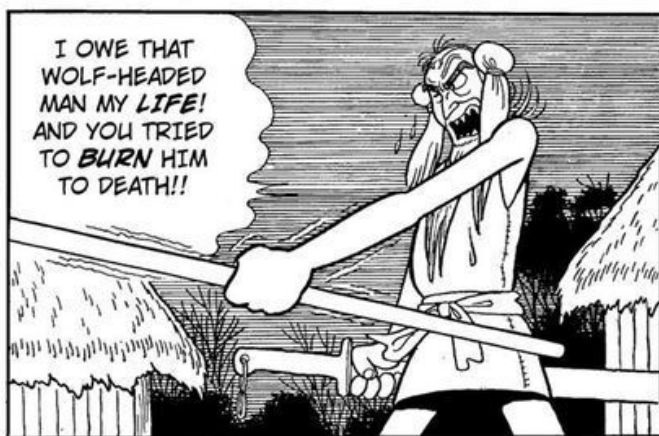
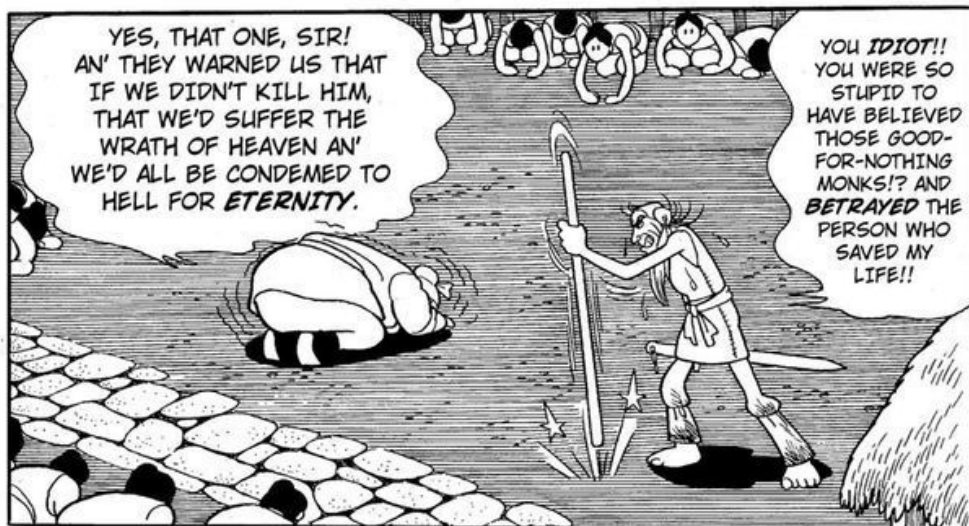


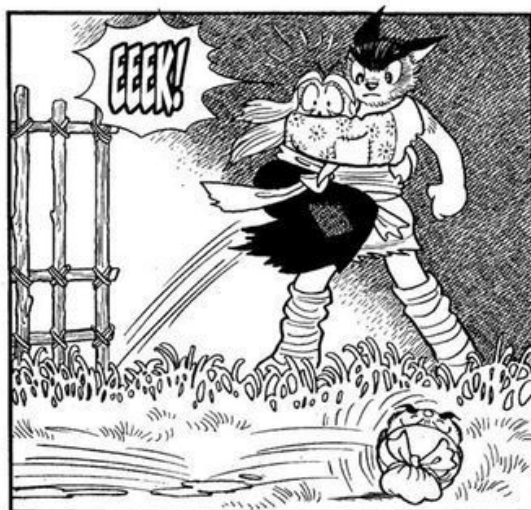


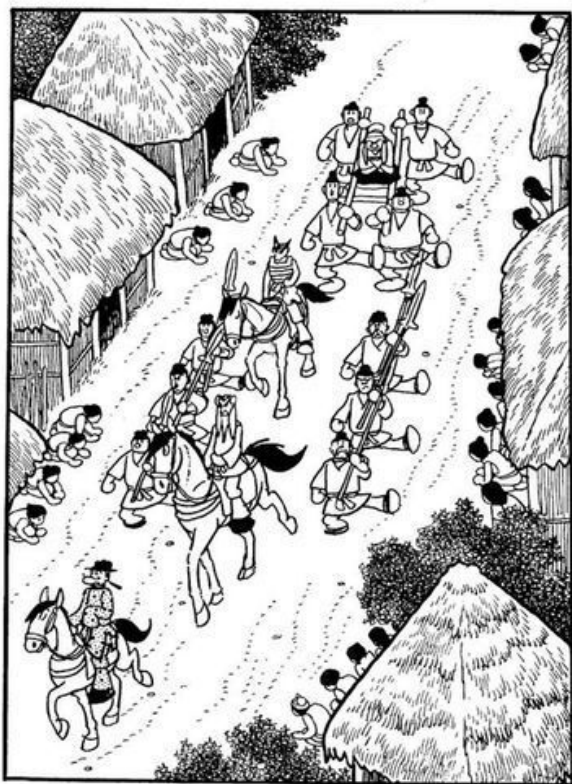
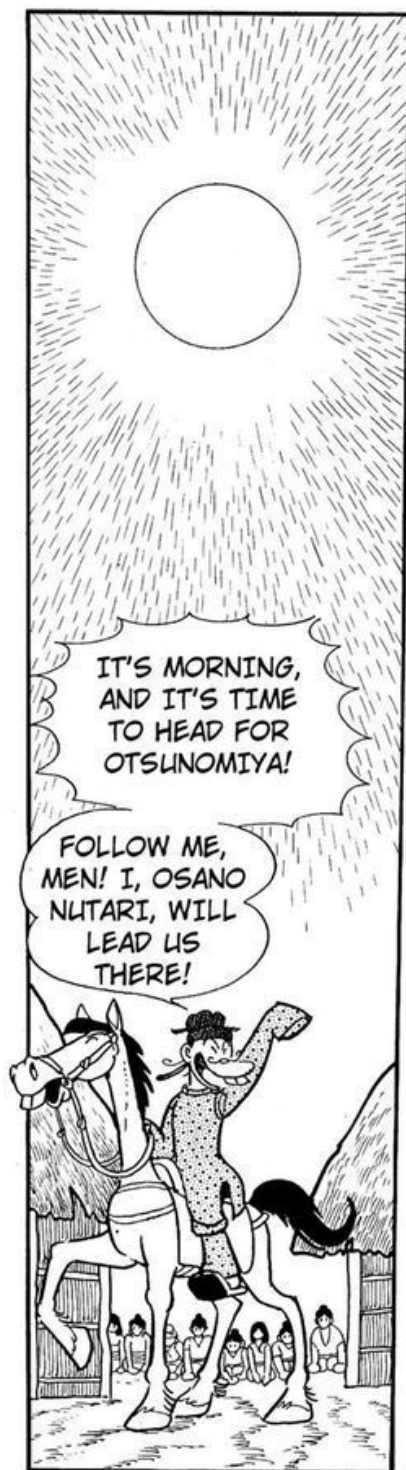




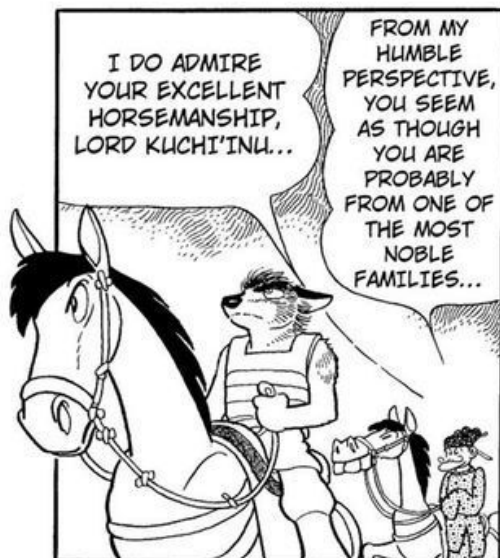




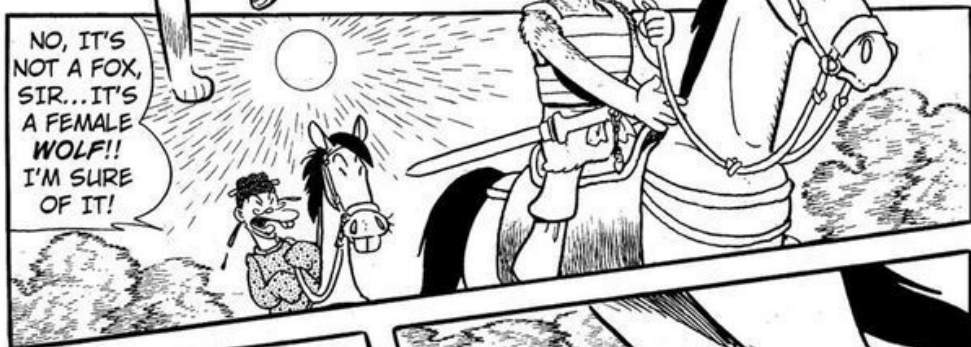
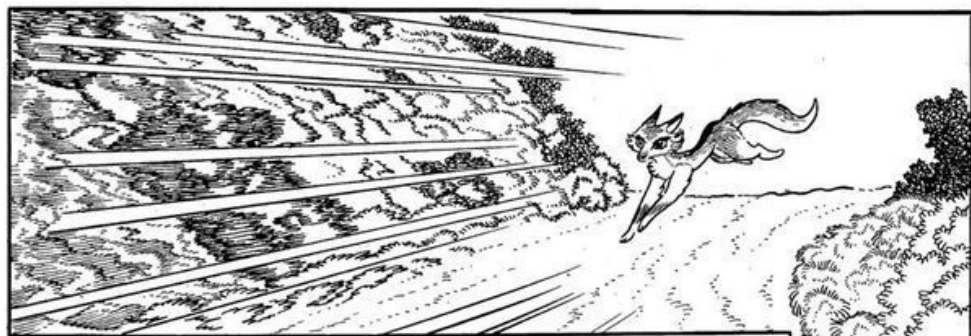














IT'S  
YOU!  
ISN'T  
IT?

WHY DID YOU  
FOLLOW ME?  
GO **BACK** TO YOUR  
FAMILY! WE'RE  
HEADING INTO A  
LAND THAT'S FULL  
OF THE SPIRIT  
TRIBE'S  
ENEMIES!



LORD  
KUCHI'INU!  
IF THE  
ANIMAL'S  
BOTHERING  
YOU, LET  
ME **KILL**  
IT FOR  
YOU!



THERE'LL  
BE NO  
WOLF  
KILLING  
WHILE I'M  
AROUND!  
**UNDER-  
STOOD?!**

